

Deepen your confidence in God when He demonstrates His power and goodness around you

1. Because Jesus is not \_\_\_\_\_ by time, He can be precise in His timing

*John 2:1-5*

*"These three chapters are organized to convey what Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:17: 'the old has gone, the new has come!' 'The three chapters present the replacement of the old purifications by the wine of the kingdom of God, the old temple by the new in the risen Lord, an exposition of new birth for new creation, a contrast between the water of Jacob's well and the living water from Christ, and the worship of Jerusalem and Gerizim with worship "in Spirit and in truth"' (Dodd, IFG, p. 297)."*

**D.A. Carson, *The Pillar New Testament Commentary – The Gospel According to John***

*John 7:1-6*

2. Since Jesus is the Creator, He has \_\_\_\_\_ over all of His creation

*John 2:6-10*

*John 1:3*

Read your Bible – especially the miraculous events described in it – with the same kind of \_\_\_\_\_ that those present would've had and let God keep amazing you with His goodness and His power

Our response to the miracles that we encounter in Scripture shouldn't be " \_\_\_\_\_ did he do that?" but " \_\_\_\_\_ is that?"

3. God demonstrates His power purposefully so that our \_\_\_\_\_ will be strengthened for what's next

*John 2:11-12*

*John 1:50*

*John 20:30-31*

*"John prefers the simple word 'signs': Jesus' miracles are never simply naked displays of power, still less neat conjuring tricks to impress the masses, but signs, significant displays of power that point beyond themselves to the deeper realities that could be perceived with the eyes of faith."*

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Miracle - "an event that involves the direct and powerful action of God, transcending the ordinary laws of nature and defying common expectations of behavior"

*"A miracle is a less common kind of God's activity in which he arouses people's awe and wonder and bears witness to himself."*

**Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, chapter 52**

What are the \_\_\_\_\_ that revealed God's power and goodness, miraculous or not, that have increased and developed your faith, your confidence in Jesus?

**Now What?** Deepen your confidence in God when He demonstrates His power and goodness around you