

“The Shoes”

Many a time we’ve said “Is anything too small to be a miracle?” The answer is always no. A parishioner recently told me that after coming to church for a number of years, she is realizing just how many things the Lord has done for her that she missed at the time. For God, a miracle is a miracle. They aren’t dependent on size. For God, no miracle is more difficult than any other one. They all are things we can’t make happen on our own.

This particular day, I was getting ready to attend an outdoor wedding. I had found a pretty, flowing, skirt and top in my closet that I hadn’t worn for years, washed them and thought I was all set. Opps, there was an oversight. The shoes that went with them would be too unsteady on the grass. Plus, almost all shoes hurt. Here was this beautiful white skirt with splashes of orange and green and no shoes. Now what! There were only about three hours before I needed to leave the house, so no time to go very far. Walmart! Of course, they’d have flat, white shoes that wouldn’t make me crash to the ground.

They had nothing. It was a useless trip, except I ran into Mabel and also Quinton and it was nice to see both of them. So, I told God that I was going back home and please help me not to trip. Backing out of the parking space, a thought came into my mind. Go to Ross. Why, on earth, would I do that? I’d never looked for shoes there in all these decades. I’ve learned not to ignore such promptings no matter how subtle, so, I turned left and went to Ross.

I walked up to the ladies’ shoe section and my size to look for white flat shoes. I couldn’t tell you a single thing about any of the shoes there except one! Right in front of my eyes, as if staring me right in the face, was a pair of sparkling flat sandals – with orange and green! No way! There was only one pair, and they didn’t hurt!

How does God do that? How does He do anything and everything He does? Because He is God, our creator, and the creator of the entire universe, heavens and earth. Why does He do these things – the little things? I believe He is saying, I’m “always” here with you and “I love you.” “You are my child and I am your God.”

In an article entitled “No Small Miracles, Jesse Pingent notes that the phrase “small miracle” is not found in the Bible. He goes on to say “. . . you shouldn’t compare one miracle with another. The standard of a miracle isn’t against other miracles; it’s against the way things are without them. There is no such thing as a small miracle. . . . Don’t overlook miracles. God is doing amazing things all around you! . . . So **expect** God to do miracles. Look for them! And when you see them, don’t try to explain them away. CELEBRATE them! They are confirmation that God is with you in what you’re doing! . . . God does miracles among His people so that they will be encouraged as they share the Gospel.”

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