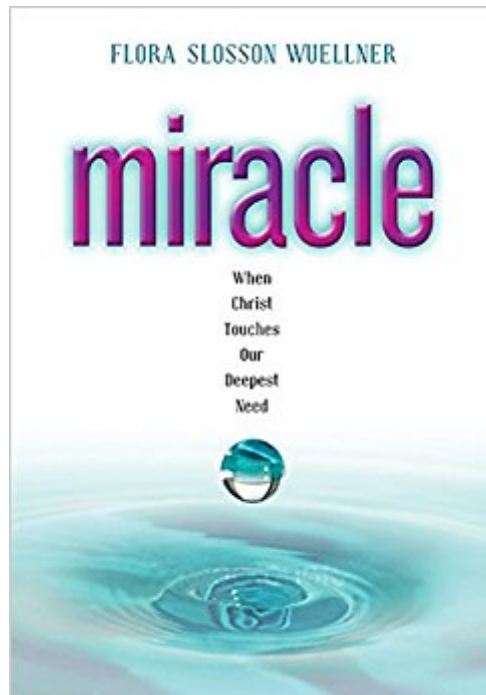




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Miracle: When Christ Touches Our Deepest Need



Synopsis

Stress, pain, grief... Do you need a miracle? They still happen, says Wuellner, a wise spiritual director, counselor and healer. She's a witness to their power and mystery. "'Fifty years ago, as a young pastor, I probably would've denied it,'" she writes. "'But over the years I have become humbler, listening and observing more. Yes, acts of wonder still occur surprisingly often in the physical world. ...God works closely in, with and through us as every atom, each cell, every thought and action open to reveal God's love.'" Televangelists have sullied them, but the mystery of miracles fit into the biblical and theological framework of today. Rediscover their wonder and power. Focusing on seven of Jesus' miracles, Wuellner invites you to consider: * What does this story tell me about God and how God feels for me? * How can this story help me with my problem? Wuellner explores the many ways God's generous goodness and mercy are available to each of us. For anyone facing illness or a life crisis, *Miracle* opens the depths of spiritual richness for living a full life in spite of it all. Each chapter ends with a guided meditation. In these stories and meditations, you'll discover Christ's power to touch your intense hurts. Christ can transform them into a life of miracles.

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Using pivotal and familiar Gospel stories of healing, Flora Wuellner has brought the miracles of Jesus' ministry into our personal lives. With sound scripture study and a fresh approach to what it means to be healed, *MIRACLE* is a gift for all of us. --Jane E. Vennard, Author of *PRAYING WITH BODY AND SOUL: A WAY TO INTIMACY WITH GOD*

Flora Slosson Wuellner, a retired ordained minister of the United Church of Christ, is well known throughout the United States and Europe for her writings and retreat leadership that focus on the inner healing that God freely offers through Christ. She has been involved in the specialized ministry of spiritual renewal for over 40 years and has written 14 books on inner healing and renewal. Educated at the University of Michigan and at Chicago Theological Seminary, Wuellner has served pastorates in Wyoming, Idaho, and Illinois. She currently lives in Fair Oaks, California.

I am not sure how I became aware of Flora Slosson Wuellner and her books but it certainly was to my great fortune that I did. There are no doubt a great spate of books about healing for the Christian but in my estimation, FSW's are certainly at the very top. With FSW you get no off-putting eccentricities -- no preoccupation with Satan and "spiritual warfare"; no harshness or scolding about one's sin or lack of faith to be healed; no false promises of certain, immediate cures. Instead, one finds the gentle wisdom of a veteran healer who encourages, nurtures and tenderly guides. FSW's image of God is quite profound and it is evident that she truly has come to know God's love intimately in her own life. Ultimately, God is our Healer as we begin to open up to God's deep compassionate desire to bring about our complete wellbeing. FSW faithfully leads and guides us to the divine embrace, pointing away from herself to the One who is the resurrection and the life. There are so many perceptive insights that FSW peppers throughout her books, I can only mention a few. For example, FSW points out that Christians are in pain from their woundedness just as much as from the effects of personal sin. Unless Christian counselors and healers understand that important nuance, we may unnecessarily compound a sense of guilt and shame in Christians seeking freedom from their personal distress. Further, read a lot of today's spiritual or self-help guides and you are liable to be urged to (pick one of the following): eradicate your ego, annihilate your false self, shed your illusion that there really is a self (Buddhism), pry off your masks, crucify your desires... (you get the message). FSW gently responds: "God - the God we see through Jesus - does not force us. Egos are not to be killed but, rather, healed and transformed. Masks are not to be ripped off. The fear beneath them is healed until the mask falls off naturally like a scab off healed flesh. The walls are not to be torn down but healed, perhaps slowly, back into permeable borders...". (From her book *Release: Healing from Wounds of Family, Church, and Community*) Quite refreshing to hear! "Miracles" is her most recent book and vintage FSW. I think this would be a great place to start for those new to her writings. The book launches off of passages selected from the gospel accounts of Jesus varied healing miracles. FSW is convinced that miracles have not ceased

in our contemporary era and that we need to reimagine our lives where WE encounter the ever-present healing Jesus. But again, FSW has no illusions that miracles always happen instantaneously and in the same way. Another welcomed feature of most of her books, are guided meditations at the end of each chapter. Going through them, indeed, is a therapeutic balm. Now we need to have her collect these in an audio CD so we don't have to distractedly read through them to follow! I am truly indebted to FSW as I have worked through my own painful issues of PTSD. Sure, I have read a plethora of psychology books on trauma and childhood issues but nothing finally compares to the healing empowerment I find in FSW's books. My hope is that word gets out to a broad range of hurting Christians, that they have a profound ally and guide in Flora Slosson Wuellner in finding God's gracious healing for their lives.

Doing the study in a home based small group. Excellent discussions about the Biblical stories presented. Thank you for a small book big on miracles!

This is one of my favorite books, and I have handed it out like water. I have just about every book Flora Slosson Wuellner has written. She is extremely gifted. In this book, she gives an in depth view and a behind the scenes glimpse as it were to several of Jesus' miracles. She aids the reader to see deeper, to what is underneath the needs with which Jesus was presented. This book is insightful, inspiring, and healing. I highly recommend it and any of her books to those who are desiring healing.

Great book--well written.

This book is currently being used as a study book for a woman's Bible study group. Each chapter is about some person whose life is directly affected by contact with Jesus. Its value lies in the discussions we have relative to the topic in each chapter. We take one chapter a week and it is short enough that it carries us from Christmas into Lent. Each chapter ends with a meditation which our leader leads by reading it slowly, allowing each to freely absorb the the thoughts and meditate on them.

For anyone ready to deal with their woundedness. Jesus is still the healer, and this book takes you step by step through guided imagery and prayers to find that healing

I find very refreshing how she approaches the Gospel with a very unique and personal view that somehow brings you inside the issue as apart of it and it really awakened some of my curiosity in a genuine innocent manner, thanks Flora for giving good food for thoughts and for soul as well, Miracle is a sweet drop of Heaven and it heals so is the real deal, Licia

Outstanding insights into gospel stories followed by powerful meditations. I will keep this book and go back to it many times.

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