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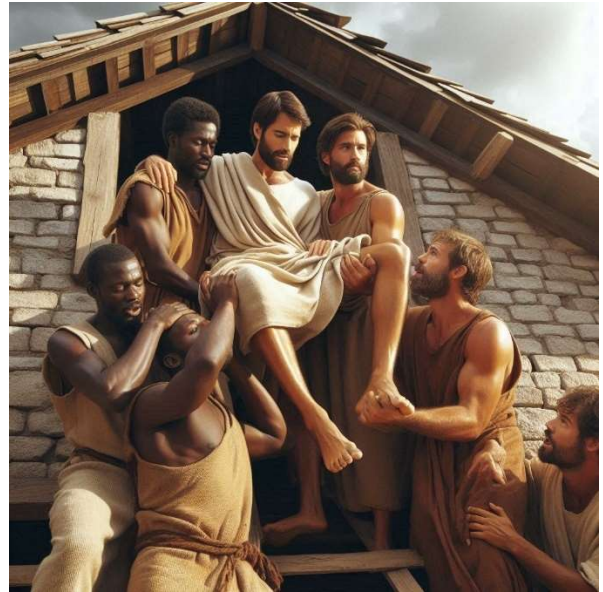
“No Cross, No Crown”

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One of Jesus’ most famous miracles was the healing of the paralyzed man whose friends were so determined to see him healed that they did property damage to a roof so that they could lower him to the spot where Jesus was preaching.

We could all use friends like this! We need the kind of friends who will not only carry us physically when we can’t carry ourselves, but, more crucially, will carry us spiritually when we need more faith. And Jesus responded. The Bible says that when he saw their (collective) faith, he forgave the man and healed him. When we join forces in faith, we move God to do marvelous things!



Back in January, I wrote about secondhand miracles, telling my father-in-law’s story of a set of keys, buried under piles of snow, that God miraculously moved to the top of a snow pile. I shared that I felt God calling me to pray for firsthand miracles at Resurrection Life Church. Fast forward to last week’s letter, in which I renewed that call for miracles, asking you to pray that God would multiply our resources as he multiplied the loaves and the fish, so that all in our neighborhood might be fed spiritually. Are you ready for the rest of the story?

That Friday, around the time that I mailed the newsletter, Candace lost her church keys. She looked all over the house, the car and the church, and even walked up and down our sidewalk searching for them, but they were nowhere to be found. Then, on Sunday, as we headed out to church, there were her keys, just lying on the sidewalk in plain sight! God gave us our own miracle of the keys! Obviously, it goes deeper than that. I believe that God used keys to tie it back to the secondhand miracle and let me know that I had heard correctly that he wants us to pray for miracles. I also believe that the timing of the miracle, coinciding with the call for a miracle of multiplication, reinforces the fact that God is urging us to pray that way. God wants to do miracles, but it’s going to take all of us uniting in faith. I’m so glad we can count on you!

I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith.

(Romans 1:11,12)

Thanks for Praying!

Thanks for joining your faith with ours! Please continue to intercede with us for:

- a multiplication of our resources and effectiveness,
- our summer camp, and the necessary scholarship funds,
- a season of refreshing for our ministry team, and
- fresh laborers with a passion for our mission field.







Please continue to pray for the ministry of
Spring Garden Academy

We're praying with you!

If you're on our mailing list*, you're on our prayer list! If there's anything specific that we can join with you in praying for, please let us know. (We will only publish your requests in this newsletter with your permission.)

We really do love hearing from you! Every message and phone call helps us keep going!

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Did you know?

Egyptians are believed to have invented locks and keys. The oldest known lock was discovered in an Egyptian cave and is about 4,000 years old. Keys were unique, custom fitted to individual locks, until 1917, when a system was devised to cut a blank key to duplicate an original.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

(Matthew 16:19)



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