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Pray for the Big Miracle - Look for the Little Miracles

At last, the cooler temperatures of autumn have rescued us from the scorching heat of summer. During one of those blazing hot mornings I was walking at sunrise when an unexpected thunderstorm rumbled through. A magnificent double rainbow appeared in the stormy skies and I stopped to marvel in this unexpected gift from God. As I watched from the east, morning commuters were driving from the west – busy in their minds, prepping for their day, talking on the cell, settling down wiggly kids in their car seats – never noticing God’s gift in the sky.

I wonder, how often we miss God’s gifts when we are looking the wrong way, eyes on the screen, too busy or distracted by the kids. We pray for God to bless us – then look away. We plead with God for the big miracle – and miss all the little miracles right in front of us.

As a mother, I think of another mother in one of Jesus’ miracles. Her young son gathered all the remains of a great feast in baskets. Did she realize she and her boy were part of one of the greatest miracles ever recorded? As one of thousands who feasted that day, I’m sure she enjoyed that feeling of being satisfied but did she see the big picture?

I’ve spent time nose to carpet in prayer imploring to God for a big miracle. Certainly I was disappointed when I didn’t get the miracle I expected, a little envious of others who did get their big miracle and a bit peeved at God because I explained in great detail what my big-miracle-ask was and I didn’t see it. Thank you God for the mercy of patiently listening to my requests and answering in ways that will probably take the rest of my earthly life to understand. Your teaching never ceases and only when I looked beyond myself and away from the noise and needs of the day, did I finally start seeing the little miracles that added up BIG. God is faithful – even when we look away.