

Title: No Faith, No Miracles: What Jesus Asks of You	Author: Arlene McGannon
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Review submitted by: Peg Clanton	Date: 01/26/2015
Subject (e.g. Prayer, Family Life, Sacraments, Saints, Bible Study, Moral Conduct, Social Justice) Prayer, Bible Study	
<p>1. What is this book about? (describe briefly) Using Gospel narratives of the miracles Jesus performed during his life on earth, the author points out the faith and actions required of those for whom the miracles were performed. Reflections and a prayer are included at the end of each account to aid in application to our lives.</p>	
<p>2. What main message does the author convey? This book discusses the importance of demonstrating unwavering faith and a willingness to complete the required course of action in order that God's miracles can happen in our lives. Over and over we see that "faith was more powerful than circumstances." A favorite quote is "Courage, humility, faith. Those characteristics echo again and again throughout these miracle accounts. And on God's part the response is consistently compassion, affirmation, and action. There we have the making of a miracle."</p>	
<p>3. What inspired you the most about this book, and why would you recommend it? The entire book is uplifting, but I especially appreciated the references to intercessory prayer and actions. Often Catholics ask Mary and the Saints to intercede for us, and I think our prayer ministry is a wonderful example of this.</p>	
<p>4. Who would benefit from reading this book? We can all use reminders of God's presence in our daily lives, and the author presents the Gospel accounts of these miracles in a way that is easy for us to relate to our lives.</p>	
<p>5. Any other impressions: This book is not meant to be read in a single sitting, but instead each section should be read with time to reflect and meditate on the message's meaning for us. "Time and time again in these reflections, we have seen the incredible faith demonstrated by those who received miracles from Jesus. Time and time again Jesus proclaimed, "Your faith has saved you."</p>	