

# MAKING THE MIRACLE PART OF YOUR DAILY LIFE<sup>1</sup>

## 1 Peter 1:20–2:3

### Think about this! It was all for you!

<sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times **for the sake of you** (cf. 1:12)

<sup>21</sup> who through him are believers in God,  
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,  
so that your faith and hope are in God.

### A new level of love arising out of a whole new kind of life rooted in the Word of God.

<sup>22</sup> Having **purified** your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love,  
**love one another earnestly from a pure heart,**

<sup>23</sup> since you have been born again,  
not of perishable seed but of imperishable,  
through the living and abiding word of God;

### The witness of the Word about the Word.

<sup>24</sup> for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers, and the flower falls,

<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord remains forever.” (Isaiah 40:6-8)

### Just in case you didn’t get that: The Word is where you found new life.

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

## THE ACTION PLAN

### If you want to grow, there’s no room for . . .

<sup>1</sup> So put away (Lit. “putting aside” to stop doing what you are accustomed to doing; to strip away)

- all malice (active ill will against another)
- and all deceit (the attempt to entrap another by means of trickery)
- and hypocrisy (to speak from behind a mask)
- and envy (to desire what someone else possesses)
- and all slander. (to speak evil of someone in order to defame them)

### A KEY QUESTION: How do we awaken a longing for God’s Word? And, what gets in the way?

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants,

**long for the pure spiritual milk,**

that by it you may grow up into salvation—

<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>29</sup> Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (EPH 4:29-32)

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