

*Sunday, December 12, 2004*

*Scripture Reading: John 10:25-30*

*Text for Today: Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me."*

People tend to think of miracles as incredible events that defy the laws of logic and science. But I also put some rather ordinary happenings in the same category because of the context in which they occur. Like the time many years ago when I was walking to my car after getting off work late at night. I was feeling more alone and hopeless than I had ever felt in my life. Nothing, I was sure, would ever be good for me again.

Just then, a gentle breeze ruffled my long hair. It felt like the caring touch of a loving hand – and I knew whose hand it was. That little miracle lifted my spirits that night, and the memory of it has comforted me during other difficult times. That gentle touch, and other little miracles like it, remind me that God and his son Jesus are always by my side no matter how dark things look and no matter how large the challenge ahead.

When Jesus walked the Earth, he taught spiritual truth through everyday things, such as five barley loaves and two small fish. I believe he does the same thing now that he lives in every heart that welcomes him. All we have to do is watch and listen.

Prayer: Magnificent God, thank you for your son Jesus Christ, the wonders he shows us and the sacrifice he made for us. Help us to keep learning from his example how to better live our lives, no matter how wise we think we've gotten. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Theresa Churchill Fulk*

