

The Five Miracle Related Signals

(see Chapter 8, “The Five Signals that Guide a Miracle Delivery,”
You Were Born for This, page 107-129)

Dear reader,

One of the most important turning points for most readers of *You Were Born for This* happens in the first few pages of chapter eight—the signals chapter. I wonder if you would agree.

I hear comments like, “That’s where the lights really flashed on for me.” Or, “Suddenly I realized, I can do this—and I want to!” For the first time, readers begin to associate three important words with what it’s like to partner with God in a supernatural life—*practical, learnable* and *doable*.

We shouldn’t be surprised at how motivated God is to make His purposes and His glory known. The psalmist wrote that night and day, every created thing clearly declares the truth about God, and that “there is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.” (Psalm 19:3)

This chapter affirms and explains a big idea—that you and I have been born to receive and respond to miracle-related signals. Yes, God’s ways will always be filled with wonder, but miracle-related signals—whether from God, others, or ourselves—are universal. They’re not scary. They’re not reserved for the favored few. And we don’t have to rely on guesswork or happenstance to guide a conversation toward a miracle.

In fact, we can begin right away putting simple communication skills to work in our day, then spend a lifetime mastering them as His miracle delivery agents on earth.

Chapter eight identified the most important signals that we can use at any time as navigation devices to get us from where we are now to the miracle appointment God has in mind for us. As I summarized on pages 109-110, these five signals help us:

- identify the specific person God has in mind for our miracle appointment,
- determine which of the person’s needs is the one God wants us to focus on,
- know when we are succeeding in opening someone’s heart to receive a miracle,
- feel confident that God is leading us even when we feel unsure,
- know how to interpret our own thoughts and emotions, and
- receive and respond to miracle-specific information that comes to you from God and others.

What follows is a summary table where you can see how all five signals compare and contrast to each other. You’ll note that I’ve presented them here in the same sequence in which they were introduced in the chapter—God nudge, revealing cue, clarifying bump, Spirit prompt, and fear alert. But it might help you to group them differently—according to the first descriptive, “Source and Direction.” In that case, the signals would be grouped like this:

Signals between God and me:

- *The God Nudge*
- *The Spirit Prompt*

Signals between me and other people:

- *The Revealing Cue*
- *The Clarifying Bump*

Signals from me to myself

- *The Fear Alert*

Remember to check again on this site and on my Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/LastingLifeChange) for a continuing discussion of questions and answers, some of which will be directly related to the signals chapter. For a helpful, short video discussion of this topic, visit <http://bit.ly/QA88o>. And don't forget to send in your miracle related stories to encourage others—see the “My Miracle Story” tab on this site.

May God bless you in your important new partnership with Him—and bless many through you—for His glory!

Sincerely,

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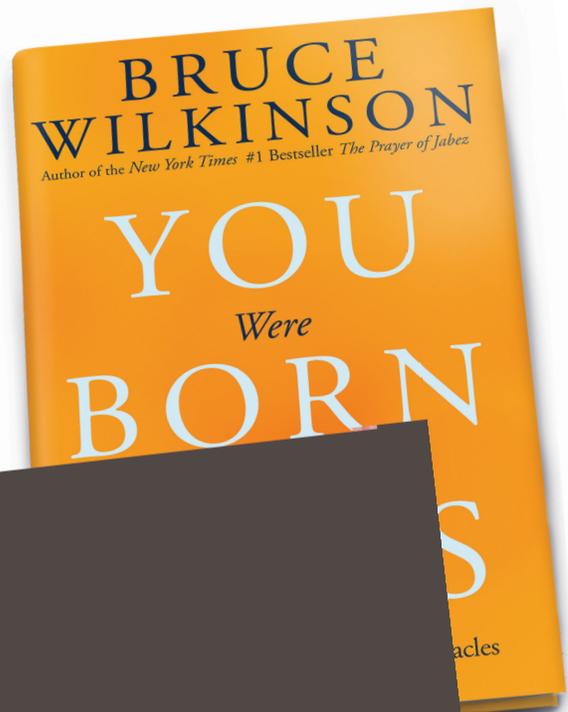


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A Summary Chart of the Five Miracle Related Signals

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The Signal	Source and Direction	Purpose	Experienced by You as	Not to Be Confused with	You Feel	Your Appropriate Response
<i>The God Nudge</i>	God to you	Direction. A nudge focuses your attention toward a person, place, or event	An idea that comes out of context and gently pushes your attention in a specific direction	An idea that comes to mind as part of a natural train of thought	Uncomfortable, hesitant, or uncertain	Act on the nudge. Go forward with faith in the direction indicated
<i>The Revealing Cue</i>	Another person to you	Information. A cue reveals important facts about what the person is feeling	Insight. An observation of verbal and nonverbal signs that indicate what a person's need might be	An obvious sign that someone wants privacy, not attention	Aware, spiritually attentive, at peace	Interpret the cue, then follow with a question (bump) to confirm the information
<i>The Clarifying Bump</i>	You to another person	Clarification. A bump surfaces needs and helps you isolate the right one	A casual, open-ended question you ask that is designed to elicit helpful information	License to be nose-y or to manipulate a person into disclosure	Concerned and interested but also relaxed and at peace	Interpret the responses as a natural part of a ministry-oriented conversation
<i>The Spirit Prompt</i>	God to you	Information. A prompt provides knowledge you couldn't otherwise have	A sudden insight that arrives out of context and helps you to deliver a miracle	A human “hunch” or “flash of insight” that is arrived at based on known facts	Uncomfortable, tentative, uncertain	Act on the prompt. You should do or say what the Spirit has revealed to you
<i>The Fear Alert</i>	Your own feelings or thoughts	Invites you to reinterpret the fear as an opportunity to take a risk of faith	Negative emotion alerting you to potential danger or discomfort	Healthy fear that should stop you (for example, a threatening person or situation)	Discomfort, fear, an impulse to stop or turn back	Interpret the fear as a <i>confirmation</i> that you are going toward a miracle, and as your <i>invitation</i> to overcome your fear with focused faith