

The Changed Centurion

An African woman became a Christian, which enraged her husband. He decided to get rid of her by accusing her of thievery – of stealing his keys.

He threw his key ring in a river and planned to accuse her of taking it.

Later that day, his wife bought a large fish for their supper and discovered her husband's keys in its stomach! When her husband came home later that night demanding to know where his keys were, she calmly handed them to him – and he was instantly converted to Christ.



Now what were the odds of that story unfolding as it did? Probably a couple of zillion to one. It clearly was the intervention of God to accomplish His purposes in the life of that family.

While Christians are warned against walking by sight, sometimes it's true that seeing is believing. At some point, it becomes difficult to deny the evidence of the power and presence of a miracle-working God. In my 31 years at Life Care, I have witnessed miracles in a turn of events or circumstances that showed His good hand upon our company.

A Roman centurion who watched Jesus suffer on Calvary – and then felt the earth quake when an earthquake accompanied His death – concluded that Jesus was truly the Son of God. Was He converted? The Bible doesn't say, but we know he was changed.

Think about how your life has changed since seeing Jesus. Seeing Jesus for who He really is always precedes seeing ourselves for who we really are.

So when the centurion ... saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, "Truly this Man was the Son of God!" (Mark 15:39 NKJV)

– Beecher Hunter