

God is near

I remember reading about wartime airmen who survived a crash in the ocean by scrambling into their aircraft's life raft. After days adrift in the vast ocean and needing more drinking water, they prayed for rain. What happened? It rained.

Then a fresh need arose. Without more food they would certainly starve to death.

Again they prayed. But how could food reach them now – out there in the middle of that cruel, unrewarding ocean?

Suddenly a seagull landed on the head of one of the airmen! He reached up and grabbed the bird's legs and that bird became their lunch! It was a small amount of food, but no doubt it was better than nothing. What a miracle. How wonderfully God met their urgent need.

Was it all just coincidence? No!

First, when rain was prayed for, that is what was sent.

Second, when food was prayed for, again that is what was sent.

Third, those airmen believed that God is near – near enough to hear our cry and see our needs.

The Bible says, “Turn to the Lord! He can still be found. Call out to God! He is near.” Isaiah 55.6 (The Bible for Today).

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God says, “Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.” – Psalm 50.15.

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