



~ Week One ~

Date: June 14, 2020

This weeks primary Biblical text: Acts 3:1-10

This weeks memory challenge: Acts 3:6 *Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!"*

Reading for next week: Acts 3:11-26

~ Reflection and Discussion Notes ~

† What do you EXPECT from God? Is this even okay to ask?
Ephesians 1:17-19a, Ephesians 3:20

† In Acts, we see the power of God displayed through MIRACLES

Miracles are PHYSICAL actions by God that teach us a deeper reality ABOUT God.

† The first believers had a strong identity as a community, but they did NOT isolate themselves from the surrounding community!

† The man Peter and John met at the Temple gate was

- Physically and emotionally CRIPPLED
- Financially DESTITUTE
- A social OUTCAST
- Separated from GOD

† This man was asking and expecting something to help him COPE.

† With his healing, what changed for this man? He was...

- Set free from his INFIRMITY
- Set free from his dependence on OTHERS
- Set free being LESS THAN
- Set free from his separation from GOD

In Christ, this man was transformed from being excluded from the Temple to BEING THE TEMPLE!
1 Corinthians 6:19-20, John 4:13-14

† This man started the day hoping just to cope. What he received from Jesus, through Peter, was a NEW LIFE.

† How is this man's story also our story?

Takeaway from today's message

So, what is the power of God in your life? Do you expect Him just to help you *cope*, or to bring ***Life***? How is God working in your life to bring healing, hope, and freedom?

What's your biggest question from today's message?

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