

THE POWER OF A CHANGED LIFE

The Potential of a Changed Life

ACTS 3:1-8

I. A changed life has a changed _____ about people.

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. vv. 1-5

_____ people differently.

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II. A changed life sees the _____ in people.

But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. vv. 6-8

Offer _____.

Offer a _____.

 *A changed life*
has His _____ to change lives.

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LIFE *Home Group Discussion*

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. When have you felt totally incompetent or inadequate in fulfilling a task? Was it a helpful learning experience, or have you avoided similar situations since then?



“When God’s people trust Him and respond to Him with commitment to be a witness, His power is released. The impact often goes beyond what the child of God can begin to comprehend. Many times, the believer will never know just how far reaching one act of obedience will go—like the ripple effect produced when a stone is dropped into water. In Acts 3, Peter and John, unified in Spirit, stepped out into their Jerusalem to make known God’s power to others through the good news of Jesus Christ. It is a lesson for believers today of the power of God available to those who believe! (Rom 1:16).”

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2. Read Acts 3:1-8. What evidence do you see of the Holy Spirit’s influence on Peter’s actions here, even though He is not explicitly mentioned?

3. Peter’s background as a fisherman provided him no experience for the ministry role Jesus gave him. Would you say that Peter felt confident in his own abilities here, or was his confidence in Someone else? How does Peter’s own personal ministry inadequacy instruct and encourage you?

4. In what ways do you feel you have nothing to offer in showing Christ to others? Why does lack of confidence in your abilities not matter as long as your confidence is focused on Jesus’ power and what He has done in your life?

5. In what situations do we tend to not truly notice or hear people as *people*, but only as part of the setting around us? How can we become more aware of them?

6. How can you depend more on the Spirit in your daily encounters with people who need to experience Jesus through you?

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn’t based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God’s love for us. Here’s how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

“Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.”

For more about what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus visit www.ccbcfamily.org/nextsteps.

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here’s a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you’d like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

DISASTER RELIEF MEETING Part of our mission for BE, MAKE and REACH is to step into the needs that arise in our community and nation. Our Disaster Relief team actively supports people impacted by natural disasters, and you can easily be a part of this incredible work. On Sunday, April 23, join us for a conversation with the Disaster Relief team as they share more about seeing God’s hand in their ministry. Whether you want to volunteer or hear more about Christ Chapel’s heart for outreach, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/relief to learn more.

WOMEN’S PRAYER RETREAT Ladies, come to our Women’s Prayer Retreat on Friday and Saturday, April 28-29. During our time together, we’ll have short messages on prayer, personal testimonies and time for you to get away and be still before the Lord. Hosted at the Riverbend Retreat Center, there are still spots available. Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/prayer.

TOPICS IN PARENTING Today’s culture has a lot of confusion around the topic of identity and sexuality. As the people of God, we want to have the tools to speak into that confusion with truth and love. How do we love the way Jesus loves? How does grace not become something that enables people to stay in sin? Whether you’re navigating parenting in this culture or you’re someone who wants answers to these questions, join us on Saturday, April 29 and hear an incredible talk with Dr. Christopher Yuan. As a renowned speaker and author, Dr. Yuan will give us insight into this topic through the lens of the gospel. Learn more and find registration by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/parenting.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER We’ll be setting aside an hour on Thursday, May 4 to pray from noon to 1 p.m. Whether you join us here on campus or decide to set aside an hour throughout the day to go before the Lord personally, we’ll be praying for our church, city and nation. Find details today by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/qdop.

AVENEW WEEKEND From dating and engaged couples to newly married, join us for the AVENEW weekend conference on Friday and Saturday, May 19-20. In just two days, receive a biblical framework of marriage and tools for walking out God’s purpose for your relationship. Learn more and sign up today by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/avenew.

MSM SUMMER CAMP Join the MSM staff and your favorite leaders as we head to Allaso Ranch for Summer Camp. From learning more about Jesus and the gospel to hanging with friends and making memories, register today by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/msmcamp.

HSM SUMMER BEACH TRIP This summer, HSM is spending a week by the ocean, and we can’t wait for you to join us! If you want to learn more about dates, location and registration, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/hsmbeach.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

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