

People change when...
They know enough they want to.
They hurt enough they have to.
They have enough they are able to.
—John Maxwell

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"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

—Acts 1:8 ESV

¹Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ²And 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.

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³Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. ⁴And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶But 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!" ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.

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⁸And leaping up he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹And all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms.

And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

—Acts 3:1-10 ESV

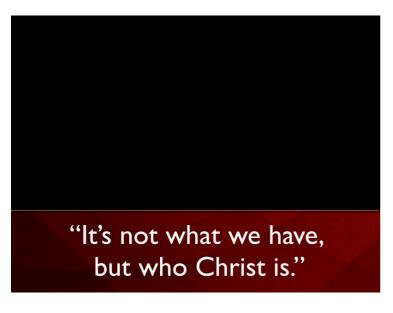
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And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?"

—Acts 3:12 ESV

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15...To this we are witnesses.

16And His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

—Acts 3:15b-16 ESV

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A Picture to Teach Us

He could not walk.

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A Picture to Teach Us

He could not work.

A Picture to Teach Us

He could not worship.

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²¹For as by a man came death, by a Man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

—I Corinthians 15:21-22 ESV

We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

—Romans 6:4 ESV

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"Raised to WALK in newness of life"

Galatians 5:16 New Power

Ephesians 2:10 New Purpose

Ephesians 5:2 New Passion

1 Thess. 2:12 New Perspective

Acts 3:6

A Principle to Guide Us

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"Look at us."

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

—Matthew 5:16 ESV

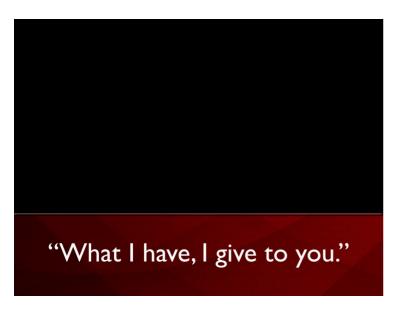
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What is the principle?
Our greatest treasure is their greatest triumph.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

—2 Corinthians 4:7 ESV

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