

# Don't Look at Me — Look at Jesus

Acts 3–4

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## 1. A Powerful Moment Acts 3:1–10

- A man who had been lame since birth sits outside the temple gate every day.
- His life had been defined by limitation, dependence, and routine.
- Peter speaks not with wealth or status but with the authority of Jesus.
- The miracle immediately draws attention and amazement from the crowd.
- Moments like this capture attention — but they are meant to point beyond the moment.

 **Acts 3:6** *“I don't have silver or gold, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk.”*

 **Reflection:** *Where have I seen God move powerfully in my life?*

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## 2. Don't Look at Us Acts 3:11–16

- The crowd begins staring at Peter and John as if they caused the miracle.
- Peter immediately redirects their attention away from himself.
- The miracle was not produced by human power or personal holiness.
- The miracle happened through faith in the name of Jesus.
- When God works through us, our role is not to absorb the attention but to redirect it.

 **Acts 3:12** *“Why do you stare at us, as though we had made him walk by our own power or godliness?”*

 **John 3:30** *“He must increase, but I must decrease.”*

 **Reflection:** *When good things happen in my life, do I naturally point people to Jesus?*

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## 3. A Life That Points to Jesus

- Followers of Jesus no longer live for themselves.
- Our identity, purpose, and future belong to Christ.
- Everything about our lives should reflect and honor Him.
- The goal of the Christian life is not personal recognition but Christ's glory.

 **Galatians 2:20** *“I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.”*

 **Romans 14:7–8** *“Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.”*

 **Reflection:** *Does my life clearly point others toward Jesus?*

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## 4. When Jesus Is the Focus Acts 4:1–4

- When Jesus becomes the center, not everyone celebrates.
- Peter and John face opposition and are arrested.
- Yet even in the middle of opposition, God continues to work.
- Thousands of people respond to the message and believe.
- When the church keeps Jesus at the center, lives are transformed.

 **Acts 4:4** “*But many of those who heard the message believed.*”

 **Reflection:** *Is Jesus truly the center of my life and faith?*

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## 5. The Kind of Church We Must Be

- The early church was not built on personalities or popularity.
- The church was built on the message and power of Jesus.
- Everything the church does should point people toward Him.
- Every number represents a person who needs hope, salvation, and new life.

 **Reflection:** *How can my life help point others to Jesus?*

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## 6. Ordinary People Acts 4:13

- The religious leaders recognized that Peter and John were ordinary men.
- They had no formal training or impressive credentials.
- Yet something about them was undeniable.
- Their boldness and transformation revealed that they had been with Jesus.
- God often uses ordinary people who simply walk closely with Him.

 **Acts 4:13** “*When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus.*”

 **Reflection:** *Would people recognize that I have been with Jesus?*

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## Response & Reflection

Take a moment to ask God these questions:

- Have there been areas of my life that have become more about me than Jesus?
- Does my life clearly point people to Jesus?
- Have I missed opportunities to share Jesus with others?
- Am I living like someone who has truly been with Jesus?