

DON'T LOOK AT US—LOOK TO JESUS

1) WHEN GOD DOES SOMETHING GREAT, PEOPLE MAY LOOK AT THE WRONG PERSON

Acts 3:11 While he^[a] was holding on to Peter and John, all the people, greatly amazed, ran toward them in what is called Solomon's Colonnade. (HCSB)

1 Corinthians 3:7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. (NKJ)

2) GOD'S SERVANTS MUST POINT PEOPLE AWAY FROM THEMSELVES AND TOWARD JESUS

Acts 3:12 So when Peter saw *it*, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? (NKJ)

John 3:30 He must increase, but I *must* decrease. (NKJ)

3) THE POWER IS NOT IN US—THE POWER IS IN JESUS

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. (NKJ)

4) JESUS IS THE ONE GOD GLORIFIED

Acts 3:13-15 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and killed the ^[a]Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. (NKJ)

5) THE NAME OF JESUS IS THE SOURCE OF THE CHANGE

Acts 3:16 And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. (NKJ)

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (NKJ)

PETER DIDN'T HIDE THEIR SIN—BUT HE DID OFFER THEM HOPE

Acts 3:17-19 “Yet now, brethren, I know that you did *it* in ignorance, as *did* also your rulers.

¹⁸ But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, (NKJ)

1 Timothy 1:13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. (NIV)