

SERMON TRANSCRIPT

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We're walking through the book of Acts We spent the last couple of weeks in Acts chapter 2 Two weeks ago we saw the event of Pentecost when the Spirit was poured out and the Word of God was proclaimed and the church was birthed We saw last week at the end of Acts chapter 2 the activity of the early church We saw that as the Word and the Spirit were at work in the early church They were growing in their love for God They were showing love to one another as they met each other's needs and they were allowing this love to be seen by their community It was a compelling love that we're bringing many people to faith What Luke does is there at the end of chapter 2 He kind of summarizes the activity of the early church but then in chapter 3 he zooms in on one particular event In fact what we see here at the beginning of Acts chapter 3 is going to really set the stage for Acts 3 and 4

The next two chapters are all centered around really this one event which shows us how important Luke thought this event was to the early church I think one of the main reasons this event was so important is that it's an example of how the apostles were living out what Jesus said that they were going to do back in chapter 1 before he ascended He told them that they were going to be his witnesses starting in Jerusalem and what we see here is an example of that The apostles being witnesses, indeed and in word, to Jesus right there in Jerusalem And what they do, the actions that they take and the words that they proclaim they're all about helping people see Jesus In some ways you could see Peter and John using this whole time to say look at him, look at Jesus. And so I pray this morning as we study this passage it would help us to see Jesus more clearly but it will also help us to point other people to him that they might see Jesus more clearly.

So let me read for us our passage for this morning which is Acts chapter 3 It's the whole chapter which is verses 1 through 26 Luke writes, "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 by a 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. 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 his 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. And all the people saw him walking and praising God and 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 and what had happened to him. While he clung to Peter and John all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's 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 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers glorified his servant Jesus whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate when he had decided to release him But you denied the holy and righteous one and asked for a murderer to be granted to you and you killed the author of life whom God raised from the dead To this we are witnesses And 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 And now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance as did also your rulers But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled Repent therefore and turn back that your sins may be blotted out That times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord That he may sin the Christ appointed for you, Jesus Whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago Moses said, "The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people. And all the prophets who have spoken from Samuel and those who came after him also proclaimed these days You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers saying to Abraham And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness

You know as we read and study the book of Acts, there's a lot of parts of the book that will probably feel very unrelatable to us Acts took place 2000 years ago in a very different culture, time. There's many times it's going to feel like a distant world and we're going to have to try to figure out how does this relate to what we're actually supposed to do in our time,

in our culture Even parts of this story will probably feel somewhat unrelatable to us But there are parts of Acts and even this story that I think feel very relatable to us I mean it's very common probably if you're walking to church in San Francisco If you could, it's not the same, but if you could just imagine yourself going to the church building like Peter and John were heading to the temple There's a good chance that you will pass by people who are in need. You might even like Peter and John pass by somebody who is asking you for some type of assistance Maybe for some money to help them in their situation. And maybe you wish that you could perform a miracle like Peter and John did Then you wouldn't have to feel so guilty about not giving them money. Then you could know you were really making a difference in their lives

But what we've been trying to say as we study the book of Acts is that Luke did not write Acts to tell us here's how things are always going to look But rather he said here's how the Word of God and the Spirit of God work in and through the church of God So as we study the book of Acts while things will be different there is so much that we can glean from the book of Acts And apply as the Word and the Spirit still work in and through the church today. And while we can't always perform miracles, we can't solve people's needs in the ways that Peter and John did I think we can take the similar approach that we see from them And it's approach of really seeing people and helping people see Jesus. You know as I was studying this passage, it's a story that I've read before And kind of for the first time as I was studying it this week, I really noticed this theme of looking and seeing that shows up in this passage It says that as Peter and John were walking in the temple, the man saw them and he asked them for alms And then Luke is careful to tell us that Peter and John stopped and they looked at him.

And they took the time to see this man, but they also asked him to look at them. And whenever he gave him, gave them his attention, that's when they met his need. And then whenever they entered the temple, all the looking is at this man who's just been healed And Peter and John who have just performed this healing But what does Peter say? Why are you looking at us? You're looking in the wrong place This didn't happen by our power, our piety, and then he helps people to look at Jesus See this theme of looking and seeing I think is throughout the story And it's how I want us to consider it this morning. Not just about what do we do as the people of God, but what do we see as the people of God? Do we see God? Do we see people? Do we help people to see God, to see Jesus?

I think living in San Francisco, probably anywhere in the world, but just thinking about our own city It can be very easy for us to stop seeing God. We become so consumed with our own schedules, our own circumstances, what's going on in our lives With the things that man has created in our city, we can sometimes stop seeing God. Maybe we just see the goodness of life, maybe we just see the brokenness of life, but we stop seeing Jesus. But sometimes we also stop seeing people I mean we see a lot of people living in a city you're more likely to see people probably than you are in other parts of the country But we don't actually see people a lot of times We avoid eye contact, we distract ourselves on our phones We are too busy, we've got too much to do to stop and to really see people What would it look like to actually see Jesus? What would it actually look like to see people and to help them see Jesus? That's what I want us to consider from this story this morning And I want to just kind of consider it from two sections What happened and then what was said I want us to first look at what we'll call the wonder This miraculous action that Peter and John performed It says that it caused all the people to be in wonder.

So what was this wonder? What can we take away from it? And then we'll go to Peter's message, the word that was preached And we'll see the way that Peter is pointing all the people to look at Jesus And we'll allow it to help us to see him but also to teach us how do we help other people see him So the wonder and the word First let's just start with this wondrous thing that happens Just to kind of set the context for you a little bit Peter and John are going to the temple Luke tells us it's the ninth hour which is three o'clock in the afternoon It was one of the times when the Jewish people would be gathered at the temple for prayer We know from the end of Acts chapter 2 that people were even the believers The Christians were still going to the temple for prayer They were still gathering there probably for their time of worship For being in prayer probably to be a witness of Jesus there in the temple So as Peter and John are going they pass by a man who is there every day. We're told that this man has been crippled from birth Now Luke tells us later on in chapter 4 that he is over 40 years old It was just kind of a funny way to say it It's just like you don't even know how old he is You just need to know that he's over 40 That's old apparently He's been crippled for a long time Daily he's been brought by friends to be at the temple gate.

And he is there to ask for alms Alms are charity It's not a specific type of money or currency or anything like that But it's just something that you would give to someone who is in need. You see the rabbis of the Jewish faith at this time Taught that there were really three pillars to the Jewish practice and life and faith It was the Torah, the Word of God It was the worship together with God's people And it was alms giving, charity, being generous with those who are in need And so it makes sense for someone who is in need to position himself there at the temple Where people are going to hear the Torah read and to worship To hope that they're going to live by their pillars and give him some help. And so he sees Peter and John and he asks them for an alm, a piece of charity Something that they would give him to help him in his need Listen to what Luke says in verse 4 It says, "And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, Look at us."

Just think about what Luke is telling us here. That probably most people when they were walking by this man, entering the temple What they would probably do is they'd probably kind of flip a coin towards him. Toss something that they would feel obligated to give as part of their faith To help this man who is in need. It's probably pretty rare for someone to stop and to talk to him Probably very rare for someone to make eye contact with him Because you notice when Peter looks at him, he has to tell the man to look at him. Maybe likely in an honor and shame culture in which they lived It was very common for someone in a lowly position like this man to not make eye contact Because he was shameful. Peter had to invite this man to see him And Peter and John had to take the time to actually see this man.

So it just led me to ask this question of myself And I wanted to ask this question of us together as a church Will we see people and consider their needs? Will we see people and consider their needs? Peter and John could have just done what they felt obligated to do They could have just kind of given what they had Or maybe if they didn't have anything, not felt guilty about not giving But instead of just passing by and doing the expected thing They stop and they see this man. They have him give him, give them his attention That they might see each other And they really consider what does this man need And I was just thinking about us being the church in San Francisco If we're really going to be the church that God has called us to be If we're really going to be the salt and the light that he has called us to be If we're really going to lead people to love and live for Jesus.

We're going to have to take the time to actually see people To actually consider what's going on in their lives To actually see their needs You know one of the names of God in the Bible is Elroi The God who sees It was spoken by a slave girl who had been mistreated She was on the run, she felt like nobody saw her But she recognized the one true God who sees all, he sees her One of the best ways we can show people God in our world today Is to see them And to see them One of the best ways we can show people God in our world today Is to see them. Sometimes this will maybe look like Acts chapter 3. In other words there will be times whenever we come across people who maybe have very obvious physical needs Maybe people who are experiencing material poverty Maybe people who are unhoused.

And part of what we need to do as the church is to take the time and to really see them Not just avoid eye contact because we don't want to be awkward We don't want to feel bad for not giving to them But just taking the time to actually see them as the people they are. Every last Saturday of the month we have a ministry here called Urban Ministry Outreach It's a time when some people from our church will just go out and invite the people in our community Particularly those who are maybe unhoused or those who are in poverty to come in and share a meal with us To have a time of worship with us to study God's word together. To be honest we don't give them any silver or gold We don't give them any money But we do as we stop and we see each other Talk to each other as people Hear from each other, get to know each other, see each other Will we take the time to see people and consider their needs? Other times it may not look much like Acts chapter 3.

In the sense that there's many people in San Francisco who don't have such obvious physical needs There'll be people that you work with that are in your neighborhoods That you'll pass by every day Who have jobs, who have houses, who have money And you'd be tempted to look at their life and you would say, well they've got all that they need Why would they want to come to church? Why would they want to come to get to know Jesus? They don't really have any need that he can meet. Will you take the time to actually get to know them and see them? Maybe you'll find out they're actually part of that loneliness epidemic that we were talking about last week And they long for community and real relationships. Maybe you'll find the hurts that they're carrying The relationships that have been broken The burdens that weigh on them And it will help you to see what they really need. What I'm saying is, we as the people of God We're going to need to take the time to actually get to know people We're going to have to take the time to actually see people,

consider their needs And consider what we can do to meet those needs This is the second question for us this morning One, will we just see people and consider what they need? And then second, will we give what we have. To help people see the one who meets all needs? Will we be generous? Will we give what we have to point people to the one who can meet all needs? You know Peter says to this man, "Silver and gold, I have none" And he probably was telling the truth I know sometimes, I probably like you have said, you know, I don't have any cash on me As an excuse to not give to somebody, but I have money. Peter probably didn't have any money.

It reminds me of this preacher story I heard one time And I phrase it like that, because sometimes you don't know if preachers are telling the truth Or not when they tell stories, or if it's just a fun illustration One time I heard this pastor tell a story about how he had planted a church near a college campus He said that, you know, when school was in session Their attendance would triple, but giving would only go up by about \$17 Because these college students, they didn't have any money to give In fact, he said one time that they were passing the offering plate And a college student, instead of putting money in there, put a bacon, egg, and cheese biscuit in the offering plate And with it, he attached a note that said, "Silver and gold, I have none But what I have, I give to you" I don't know if that's a true story or not.

But Peter here, he probably doesn't have money to give this man. But he takes the time to see him, and then just notice what he actually says in verse 6 He says, "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" What does Peter do? Sees a man. Sees what his real need is Yes, this man needs alms He needs just money to survive Yes, this man needs to be able to walk In order to be able to just provide for himself But more than anything, this man needs to know that name of Jesus That we were just praising He stops and he sees this man And he says, "What I can do for you, I will do In order that you may know this name of Jesus"

Now, listen, we're not always going to be able to perform the miracles God still does miracles, and there'll be times that he does that to glorify his name. But there'll be many times we don't have the ability maybe to perform a miracle We could say, "Well, that was done in the name of Jesus" But the question we just need to ask is, well, what do we have? The Spirit was working through the apostles to be able to heal people, to do miraculous things To point people to the name of Jesus What do we have to point people to the name of Jesus? Maybe we actually do have money. Like, maybe we do have silver and gold that we could be more generous with Maybe we could give strategically and generously Maybe you give to the church and know that that's being used And things like urban ministry outreach Maybe you give directly to some of our local partners who we work with and we support Because they're doing ministry here in the city Maybe you give directly to people Do you have money to be generous with? How can you use it to point people to the one who meets all of their needs? Maybe it's not just financial, maybe you have time that you can give Maybe you have energy that you can give Maybe you can just come and be a part of the urban ministry outreach Or you can join another church, and some of our sisters from our church who do pancakes in the park In Golden Gate Park on Tuesdays Maybe you can just give in some way to just meet people right where they are And point them to the one who can meet all of their needs

One of the things I've been thinking about for our church as a whole is the firehouse If you've been around our church at all, you know that we have this firehouse as part of our space Next to us is a preschool that we lease out And then next to that is a firehouse built in 1886. It's recently renovated It's a great space We use it already, but it's just been on my heart since I became the pastor here How does God want us to use this space to point people to the one who meets all needs? And as I've been praying about that, I believe God's been giving us more direction I believe we're closer to being able to take steps But I would just ask that you'd be praying alongside of me that God would give us direction To show how we can meet needs in that space that point people to the one who meets all needs But also be praying, what is God going to use you? What is he going to call you to do to be a part of that firehouse? Are you to give financially? Are you to give of your time? How does God want to use you in that space and in other spaces to point people to the one who meets all needs?

That's what's happening here Peter is taking the time to see this man. Having this man see him so that he can point not just this man, but all of these people to Jesus. Here in the story, Peter tells the man, look at us But I've titled the sermon, look at him because I think that's ultimately Peter's message Whenever the man is healed and they go into the temple together and everybody starts giving them their attention Peter says, why are you staring at us? As if we have anything special to do with this You need to look at him. And he gives this message and there's so much here that we could dissect

But I'm really going to try to just kind of cover it briefly What I think Peter is doing is he's helping people see Jesus by telling them to look in a few different directions I think whenever we see this, we'll know how we can look and we can see Jesus ourselves And I think we'll also be able to know how do we point to people How do we point people to the one that they are supposed to see, the one who meets all needs So four places that Peter tells them to look in order to look at Jesus First, he tells them to look upward. Because this miracle is revealing Jesus's power

The first direction he tells them is basically look up Why are you staring at me and John? As if we've got the power to do this As if we've got the piety, as if we are holy and righteous on our own He says, no, it is only in the name of Jesus that this man has been healed. He says, you don't need to look here, you need to look up. Look at the one who he calls the holy and righteous one. Look at the one who he calls the author of life. It is in his name, that name that you've been singing about this morning It is in his name that this man was healed By faith in his name Specifically, look at what he says in verse 16 He says, it's in the name of Jesus And it's faith in his name that has made this man strong whom you see and know And the faith that is through Jesus has given this man the perfect health in the presence of you all. Peter is doing his best to deflect the attention, the glory, the recognition from himself and John And he is telling people to look up See that it has only come in the name of Jesus.

If you want to see Jesus, make sure you look upward often. Make sure you remember those words that we sing each Sunday as we close our service That it is from God whom all blessings flow. Make sure you take the time to practice gratitude To thank God for who he is, for what he has done, for what he has given you Do you recognize that all that you have is from him? How much more generous would we be with our money and with our time When we realize we're only stewards with what he has given us It's not ours to begin with. How it would lead us to reach out to people and to see people more clearly The more we're looking up at him. Would you take time this week to look up? But also, would you help other people to look up? When you have the chance to meet someone's needs Maybe it's just listening to them, hearing them, talking with them Maybe you have the chance to give of something that you have to meet someone's needs Will you make sure to tell them to look upward? To not give you the credit, to not give you the thanks But to give credit to where it is due To give thanks to the one who has given us all things

Peter's saying here, don't look at us, look upward It's in Jesus' name that all these things are happening It's in Jesus' name that healing comes It's in Jesus that the one who has been promised about Who the prophets were told So secondly, he tells them don't just look upward, but look backward Yeah, look backward. He says look back and see all of the promises that have been made All of the prophets had talked about That's going to help you understand what's actually happening right here in your midst. You better be able to understand what's happening here with this man Because what's happening with this man is not just a one-off. It's not just something astounding and wondrous to see It's been promised for hundreds of years The prophets foretold what was going to happen.

What's happening here is not just one man being healed As important as that is What is happening here is God is saying he keeps his promises. Peter's saying all this has been mentioned to you Notice the way he puts it in verse 24. He says all the prophets who have spoken From Samuel and those who came after him also proclaimed these days He talked about Moses, he mentioned Samuel He says in all the prophets said that these days were going to come. The prophets spoke about a time when the blind would see. The lame would walk He says this is what you are seeing right here in your midst This man who was crippled who is now walking It is showing that God keeps his promises. God is fulfilling what he had promised he would do So if you want to see Jesus, look backward.

Maybe you need to do that in your own life. Maybe at times you feel so discouraged by your present situation. By mistakes you've made. By things that are outside of your control. Would you take the time to look backward See how God has been there with you every step of the way. See how God has fulfilled all the promises he made. In Jesus' day and even in your day Maybe at times you question does God really still love me He said he was never going to leave me or forsake me but it feels like he has He says he's going to work all things together for good But I just don't see it happening in this situation. In those moments when you're struggling to believe that Look backward. See the promises that he's made and how he has fulfilled them See how he's done that time and time again in your own life and encourage other people to do the same

Because what was so important is not just that these prophecies were being fulfilled But why were they being fulfilled? The prophets had said all these things would happen People would be healed The lame would walk, the blind would see because the Savior has come. That's what he says It's not just these individual prophecies being fulfilled But it's because the Savior has come He says in verse 18 He begins to speak about Jesus more clearly in what he's done He says, "What God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets That his Christ, the Messiah, the Savior, would suffer He has all this is happening in Jesus' ministry Through the apostles' ministry To point to the fact that the Savior has truly come. And that's good news because it's not just a man who is crippled outside the temple that needs healing. It's not just someone who is blind or someone who has obvious needs There's actually a healing that we all need That the Savior has brought

See thirdly, we need to look inward. Because the miracle exposes our need. You look up at Jesus, the power to actually do this healing You look backwards to see all this is happening because God promised that it would And God keeps his promises But now you have to take the time to look within. To see how much you need this healing because so many times it's easy to look at others and see the needs in their own lives. But what's happening here is a sign that there's something deeper going on in each one of us That we all need the healing that comes from the name of Jesus. I don't know if you remember, but Jesus had a very similar miracle to this one There's a time when Jesus was teaching and some friends brought in a man Who was crippled They carried him there and put him in front of Jesus Kind of similar to how people were carrying this man and putting him before the temple.

Do you remember what Jesus did when he healed that man? He told him his sins were forgiven. And then he told him to get up and walk. Why did he do those two things together? Because he knew that people would wonder. Were this man's sins really forgiven? That's a hard thing to see. So to show that that really had happened He gave this man the ability to walk To show that he is the one who meets all needs. But why did he not just heal the man? Why did he tell him his sins are forgiven? Because he wanted him to see that there was a deeper need Even beyond the obvious one And it's one that was true of all the people in that temple that day And it's true of all of us Listen to how Peter speaks of it in verse 19 He says, "Repent therefore and turn back That your sins may be blotted out. The times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord And that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus" says, "You have this need That you have been separated from God in your sin

You have a need that's even greater than this man's need to be healed. It is to be reconciled to God If you will turn from your sin and trust in Jesus You'll be reconciled to him Your sins would be blotted out Refreshing will come upon your soul. Take a moment and just think about it If Jesus was just to walk in this room Staying in front of you this morning What would you ask him to heal in your life? Would you ask him to heal you physically? Would you ask him to heal your relationship? Fix your marriage, fix your finances Change the circumstance. Take away your anxiety. All those are very real and important needs But the Bible says that they're also all symptoms of a greater need That we have been separated from the life and the love that is in God. All of the needs we experience in our lives are pointing down to a greater need. When Peter heals this man, performs this miracle He is showing that there is one who can do an even greater healing. When we go to people and we meet their needs We need to help them to look inward to see their greatest need

Now listen, I don't speak of their greatest need to try to diminish their other needs Sometimes people have said, "Well, you know what? We just need to go out and tell them about Jesus and forget about all those other things that are wrong with them Because if they'll just trust in Jesus, everything will be made right No, people have real needs Real physical needs that we can meet Real emotional needs that we can meet It's not to neglect other needs But it's to show that even beyond those needs There is something deep within each one of us That it's not always so easy to see. But we tell people to look inward To help them to see that the greatest need they have is to be in a right relationship with God To walk with him And that Jesus has come to meet this need. Don't we want the people in our lives Don't we want the people in our city to know the refreshment of their soul Of being right with God. Don't we want them to know that their guilt and their shame has been taken away Their sins have been blotted out Don't we want them to know the rest that only comes from resting in him. Don't we want them to be a part of what God is doing of making all things new

Here's the last direction that we should look It's that direction of him making all things new Look forward. This miracle anticipates the complete healing that God is bringing. The prophets foretold about a time whenever. The blind would see and the lame would walk And as being fulfilled in Jesus' day as he healed people As being fulfilled through the apostles

as they performed this miracle. But those days as they are being fulfilled are not in their final fulfillment. Prophets don't just speak of certain people being healed. They speak of all things being made new All relationships being restored All people being fully healed They're being no more war but only peace Everything being restored And Peter talks about this total restoration that's going to come. He says repent that you might be refreshed. And your sins being blotted out in knowing the Lord And he says this Jesus whom heaven must receive Until the time for restoring all the things About which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. He says one day Jesus is going to return and he is going to restore all things. This man walking and leaping and entering the temple is just a glimpse Of the new heavens and the new earth. When all people will be completely healed and completely in the presence of God and his people.

Don't you see all these directions that we're supposed to look At Jesus His name is so beautiful and so wonderful and powerful That we can look at all these directions and see him

You look up and you see his power You look back and you see him fulfill the promises You look within you see the way that he heals the most inner parts of you You look forward and you see the hope that is still there Jesus came and he performed miracles and he met people right where they were But he didn't just perform miracles. He didn't just come to change one person's circumstances. He came to enter into all of our greatest need. He came and took on the wrath of God that we might be reconciled to God. The Bible says that when he died. He entered into our greatest need but when he rose from the dead He was beginning the work of making all things new Paul calls Jesus's resurrection the first fruits of what's going to happen. We are all who trust in Jesus going to be raised up All things are going to be made new.

Look forward and see him. Do that in your own life when you need hope. Maybe you look and you don't see things changing as you want You wonder if things are going to work out in your life You wonder if he's still at work within you or in your circumstances Believe that he is still working to make all things new Look forward and have hope not just in your own life but in our city and in our world It's so easy to look around our city and feel overwhelmed by all the need that is there Wondering can I even make a difference in the needs that are in my city What if you just took the time to see one person and meet one need Peter and John could have easily said you know what we just saw thousands get saved God's bringing all these people in we don't have time to stop and talk to one man. But they stopped and they saw one. They met his need.

Who's one person God is putting on your heart. What is one need that they have that you can meet in order to point them to the one who meets all needs Oh it might feel like it's just barely even making a dent in all the needs of our city and all the needs of our world But we can believe when we look forward that God is using that As he is working all things together for good and he is making all things new. Every time you point people to Jesus every time you meet a need in his name Every time you look at him and you help others look at him it is not in vain. God is using it Continue to look forward and continue to have this hope.