



Courageous New Beginnings (Part 2)
Embracing the Possibility of a Miraculous Future
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Series Summary Map:

- The Book of Acts showcases how the disciples overcame the devastating loss of Jesus, centralized their focus, and courageously built the early church. Instead of succumbing to overwhelming sorrow, something Paul warned against in 2 Corinthians 2:7 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13, they moved forward with faith, vision, and bold action. This series explores four key stages of their journey.

Part 1

Chapter One: They Embraced the Day Everything Changed (Acts 1:6-11)... **Review**

Chapter Two: They Embraced the Day Everything Felt Different (Acts 2:1-18) ... **Review**

Part 2

Chapter Three: They Embraced the Possibility of the Miraculous **Elaborate**

Chapter Four: They Embraced a New Day of **Challenge** (without fear) **Mention**

- **Note:** Peter and John were confronted

Chapters Four-Six: They Embraced a New Day of **Sharing** (4:32-6:7) ...**Mention**

- **Note:** The challenge to share the load (The struggle of Ananias and Sapphira) ...**Mention**

Part 3

Chapters Six-Nine: They Embraced New and Courageous Leadership (6-9)

A. The Leadership of **Peter** (Acts 1-11)

B. The leadership of **Stephen** (Acts 6)

C. The leadership of **Saul** (Acts 8-9, Paul)

Part Four

Chapters Ten - Fifteen: They Embraced a New Commitment to **Inclusion**

Chapter Sixteen -Twenty-Eight: They Embraced the Call to **Outreach** (“Go Into All the World”)



Embracing the Possibility of a Miraculous Future

Big Questions:

- What is wrong with you that needs to be healed?
- Do you know anyone that was helped by your issue? (Did they learn from you?)
- Do you have anyone in your life that challenges you to believe you can get past this issue?

1. He had been like this all of his life (This was an old problem, Acts 3:1-2)

- One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. 2 Now **a man who was lame from birth** was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.

2. He had limited his expectations (He would settle for some money), v3

- 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, **he asked them for money.** 4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

3. Peter lifted his expectations

- 6 Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”
- 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. 8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ([Acts 3:1–8](#), NIV)

Note the Miraculous Life the Lame Man Could Now Live:

- Before the lame man was healed, he had to wait on someone to transport him and carry him to his begging career. Now, he could quit his begging job and get a real career, he could support a family, get in great physical shape, build wealth, and now he could walk in the Temple a new man.

Facts I Have Learned In My Journey to My Miraculous Potential

1. I can be severely limited by my **limited vision, culture, environment, and relationships**



2. I need people in my life that **broaden my vision and experience**
3. I need to be positioned to receive God's miraculous provision.
4. I need to have a support system in place in an environment where the miraculous can happen.

Note: The lame man had **established a routine** and a support system. He made the most of the options available to him. Had he wallowed in self-pity, clung to his pride, and refused to beg or seek help—despite the likelihood of rejection, he would never have received his miracle.

Closing Question: Did God ever want us to see this story as a call to a miracle ministry?

Answer: I'm not criticizing those who had a "miracle crusade ministry" but notice how rare they are today. I believe God has performed miracles and still does. However, He desires to teach us how to walk on land more than on water—because we spend most of our lives on land.

Next Time: Embracing New and Courageous Leadership (Part 3)

Read Ahead: Acts chapter 6-15 (The Leadership of Peter, Stephen, and Paul)

General Questions From the Audience