

Acts.



The Revolution Continues....

#3 “Supernatural God - The Purpose of Miracles”

The Miracle

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.” 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 3:6-8

Four Directions:

#1 Miracles Point Us UPWARD- Towards God Authenticating His Messengers

The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant^[a] Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied...the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead.” Acts 3:13 &15

*“As Christians Our Faith Does Not Rest On The Evidence Of Miracles;
It Rests On The Revelation Of The Person Of Jesus Christ.”*

#2 Miracles Point Us FORWARD -Towards The Future Restoration of All Things

“...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.” Acts 3:20-21

*“Jesus’ Miracles Did Not Show Off The Naked Fact Of His Power;
They Revealed The Redemptive Purpose Of His Power.”*

#3 Miracles Point Us INWARD -Towards The Salvation We All Need

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.” Acts 3:6

“As Bad As Physical Suffering Is, Been Separated From God - Which Is The State Of Every Human Being Apart From Christ, Is Far Worse”

#4 Miracles Point Us OUTWARD -Towards The Mission Of The Church

But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. Acts 4:4

*“Healing for the world will come as life, power, money and opportunity—
go out from us, the church” ~ JD Gear~*

Week 3 S.O.A.P Journal Reading Plan

(Scripture-Observation-Application-Prayer)

Monday	Acts 5:1-16
Tuesday	Acts 5:17-32
Wednesday	Acts 5:33-42
Thursday	Acts 6:1-15
Friday	Acts 7:1-29

Life Group Discussion Guide

We believe that spiritual growth happens best in circles . life groups provide a safe and encouraging environment to experience authentic Christian community, growth faith and discover the life-giving truth of God's Word. Connect. Grow. Move. For more info contact Pastor Joshua@waipunachapel.com

1. What, if anything impacted you most from this weekend message?
2. Read Acts 3:1-4:4 What stood out to you most about the miracle and ensuing sermon Peter preached?
3. Discuss the statement; *"As Christians Our Faith Does Not Rest On The Evidence Of Miracles; It Rests On The Revelation Of The Person Of Jesus Christ."* Why do you think this is important?
4. Pastor Shaun spoke about 4 directions miracle point us toward:
"Upward Towards God, Authenticating His Messengers." (Acts 2:13-15)
5. Talk about other miracles recorded for us in the Bible, how do they point us upward. How do they authenticate God's messengers.
"Forward Towards the Future Restoration" (Acts 3;201-21)
6. What do miracles of healing tell us about the coming Kingdom of God? How does this serve to encourage you?
"Inward Towards The Salvation We All Need" (Acts 3:6)
7. Read Mark 2:1-12 and discuss the implications of what Jesus said and did and how it informed this miracle recorded for us here in Acts.
"Outward Towards The Mission of the Church" (Acts 4:1-4)
8. What role do you think the church has in bringing healing to the world. Discuss ways we are currently doing this at Waipuna. Think of ways you and your group could help us do this better at Waipuna.
9. In chapter 4 we see that Peter and John were arrested and threatened by the Jewish leader as a result of this miracle. This is the pattern revealed to us throughout the New Testament. *"In order to relieve suffering, the apostles suffered"* This was certainly true in Jesus's ministry. How do you think this truth impacts our willingness to engage in the mission Jesus has given us?

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