

**THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE**  
**Walk Through the Bible Series #6**  
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**TEXT:** Acts 1:8; 3:1-6

**CONSIDER THIS:** Christian, a walk through the Bible reveals **THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE**. As you learn to see the “Big Picture” you will be equipped to overcome the difficult seasons in your life. You are loved by a wise God, and His plans for you can be trusted.

**I. JESUS PLANS THE LOCATIONS, EVENTS, AND PEOPLE OF YOUR LIFE**

- A) Christian, from Genesis to Revelation the Bible, which is God’s Word, teaches that your life’s journey is in the hands of a loving and wise God who specifically planned for you before He created the universe.

Your journey is filled with blessings and there is much for which to be thankful. However, because you live in a fallen world, you will, this side of Heaven, also experience times of sorrow, loss, pain and discouragement. It is during these times that it is most important that you step back and see **the big picture** of God’s glorious plan and the joy and comfort of knowing Him.

- B) When Peter and John woke up on the morning of Acts 3 they did not know about the person Jesus was about to put in their path. Christian, the people you encounter by “accident” or mere “circumstances” are part of God’s plan for your life. God calls you to be a gospel messenger to the people He brings your way.
- C) In Acts 3:1-11 the miraculous healing of the man lame from birth **PROVIDENTIALLY** set into motion a series of events that 2,000 years later led to the birth of Grace Community Church... all because God plans the locations, the circumstances, and the people of our lives.

**II. THE SANHEDRIN**

- A) The always crowded temple area became the location of a great sermon by Peter through which the gospel of Jesus Christ was proclaimed (Acts 3:11-29).
- B) This got the attention of the religious authorities (4:1-4).
- C) These were the people who had murdered Jesus (4:5-6).

D) Their question in 4:7 gave Peter the opportunity to proclaim Jesus.

*... let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead – by Him this man is standing before you well. (Acts 4:10)*

E) The Sanhedrin pushed back hard! (4:14-22)

F) The prayer of the early church was an acknowledgement that God plans the locations, the circumstances and the people of our lives (see 4:23-31).

### III. STEPHEN

A) In the aftermath of the Apostles' encounters with the Sanhedrin (Acts 4-5) Jerusalem was divided. Many had become Christians, but the **majority** fell under the influence of the religious leaders who hated Jesus and the church.

B) Stephen faced opposition (Acts 6:8-12)

C) In Acts 7:1 Stephen was put on trial. His answer in Acts 7:2-53 was **A WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE!** He started in Genesis and covered the entire Old Testament. He included Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the 12 patriarchs, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, David, Solomon, and the prophets (Isaiah – Malachi). He proclaimed that it all pointed to Jesus Christ.

D) Stephen became the first Christian martyr (Acts 7:57-60). Here is where Saul (Paul) entered the story. Persecution scattered the church (8:1-4), but they took the gospel with them. God calls you to be a gospel messenger to the people He brings into your life through the circumstances He plans.

We don't know the name of the Acts 3 beggar and by the world's standards he was insignificant. But because Peter and John connected with this one man a chain of events was set into motion which changed the world.

### IV. THE BIG PICTURE

Jerusalem → the Roman Empire → Europe → 13 American colonies each one primarily founded by Christians → Fayette County → Grace Community Church