

Part 8 | Rise and Walk

Acts 3:1-10

We offer Jesus Christ, not **GOLD** or **SILVER**, v. 1-6

Jesus the healer 1 Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:3-5

faith in Jesus Christ of Nazareth Romans 10:9

exercising **AUTHORITY** (in his name) v. 6-7

authority Luke 10:19-20; Matthew 16:19, 28:18-19

and **HEALING** in his name. v. 7-10

no one single pattern Matthew 8:1-4, 5-13, 28-34, Mark 9:23-24

God cares Psalm 34:18; 1 Peter 5:7

God's pattern Jeremiah 32:17, Ephesians 3:20

trusting v. demanding of God

God will heal and save completely! Revelation 21:4-5, 22:1-2



Want to Go Deeper?

Do you want to get more out of Acts than simply hearing it during the weekend services? Acts has 28 chapters. Try reading or listening to a chapter a day for 28 days and see how it will grow your understanding as we study it together! Visit <https://bible.is> to access a free text and audio version of the Bible, or scan the QR code. You can also download the **Bible.is** App.

that INTERRUPTION could be God's Invitation

Ever had your plans interrupted? *Who hasn't!?*

In Acts 3, Peter and John had made plans to attend a three o'clock prayer service. This was a normal part of Jewish life, and they carried on after becoming Christians.

Perhaps they hoped to share their new faith with some old friends. Or maybe they wanted to make contact with one of the other apostles.

As busy religious leaders on an important religious mission, they might have brushed off the lame beggar who accosted them at the temple gate for a handout.

But Peter and John recognized the sovereign nature of this encounter. In the name of Christ (and by *his* power), God used them to heal the beggar. This precipitated a series of evangelistic opportunities that no one—except God—could have predicted.

Your Interruption Might Be God's Invitation to Use You. . .

This man in Acts 3 was certainly an interruption to Peter's and John's plans. **BUT** because they were willing to be interrupted, and willing to promote Jesus and not themselves, their interruption became God's opportunity to use them.

Be careful that you don't get so preoccupied with doing God's work that you miss God's will right before your eyes. Instead of asking God to bless your agenda, start praying for his agenda.

Adapted in part from Bruce B. Barton and Grant R. Osborne, Acts, Life Application Bible Commentary (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House, 1999), 44.



Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Getting Started

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

Share with the Group:

When is the worst and/or most frustrating time to get interrupted for you?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. This week's sermon text (**Acts 3:1-10**) is centered around Peter and John being interrupted on their way to the Temple to pray. **Ministry often happens in the interruptions of life.** Jesus gave his us clear instruction and a great example of what it looks like to be interruptible and to meet the needs of others. **Read Mark 10:46-52** below. — **Circle** or **highlight** any words or phrases that catch your attention. **Underline** what you think is important to remember. **Put an X** next to anything that confuses you.

⁴⁶ And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." ⁵⁰ And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." ⁵² And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way. **MARK 10:46-52 (ESV)**

- Before answering the following questions, **also read Matthew 25:31-46.**
- What helps you pay attention and take notice of the needs of others?
- What can distract you from taking notice of these needs?
- How could you become more interruptible to be used by God?

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Welcome to Wawasee!

OUR CORE VALUES

These are things you'll see to be true about us...



1. It's All About Jesus!

You'll hear us say this often.—Why? Because *it's all about Jesus!* Apart from his death, burial, and resurrection we're wasting our time.



2. God Wrote it All Down

God wrote a book—and we are to believe the Bible in all that it teaches, obey it in all it requires, and trust it in all that it promises.



3. All People Matter

No matter who you are, where you're from, what you've done, or what's been done to you—you *matter to Jesus and you matter to us!*



4. We All Need Friends

You were designed to belong, not to go through life alone. Jesus created each of us desiring friendship and to live in community.



5. No Sacred Cows

Jesus is sacred, God's Word is sacred, *but our opinions, methods, and traditions are not*—we'll let go of any of them if more people can experience life change through the Gospel!

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Acts 3:6-10 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

⁶ 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!**" ⁷ And he took him by the **right hand** and **raised** him up, and **immediately** his **feet** and **ankles** were **made strong**. ⁸ And **leaping** up, he **stood** and **began** to walk, and **entered** the **temple** with them, walking and **leaping** and **praising** God. ⁹ And all the **people** saw him walking and **praising** God, ¹⁰ 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 at what had happened to him.

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- On another occasion Jesus told a story about a Samaritan man whose offer to help someone in need was far more than a kind gesture. **Read the story in Luke 10:25-37** and notice what getting involved cost this guy.
 - Can you think of anyone in your life that may need some help from you?
 - What's at risk for you to step in and offer to help?
 - How can we follow the Samaritan's example and see our helping role through to the end?
- Sometimes we get confused about what it takes or feel inadequate to make a difference in the world around us. What do the following verses reveal about what it really takes to make an impact and how it happens?

Matthew 5:16 →

Matthew 20:26 →

Ephesians 2:10 →

Ephesians 3:20 →

1 Timothy 6:17-18 →

Titus 3:8 →

Taking It Home

- Looking back at this week's teaching and study, what is most important for you to remember and why?

Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other. **Divide into separate groups of men and women and pray for one another.**

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