

WARM-UP

- Did you like to use building blocks as a kid? What did you usually build using the blocks?
- Do you find restoration videos relaxing and enjoyable? Why or why not?
- What tools in your house do you like to use for many purposes?

WORD *¹¹"This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

ACTS 4:11-12

(Read also **ACTS 3:1-10; 4:1-10.**)

The passages we read today tell of a miracle. Peter and John healed a man who had been crippled from birth by the powerful name of Jesus. The man rejoiced and celebrated, and Peter took this opportunity to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who witnessed the miracle. Because of this, they were arrested and subjected to questioning before a crowd. Yet Peter and John responded with boldness declaring the name of Jesus Christ as the cornerstone. Today, let's look at lessons we can glean from this story.

1 | Salvation is found in no one else but Jesus.

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

ACTS 4:12

When Peter addressed the crowds, he reminded them of how Christ, who was crucified, is the Son of God and the Savior of mankind. He came to earth and lived a perfect life. He was without sin and yet suffered a sinner’s death, carrying with Him all our sins. He rose again in victory, so that all who put their faith in Him can be restored to a right relationship with God. Before you knew Christ, what did you put your faith in? How has knowing that Christ alone can save us changed the way you live?

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2 | Jesus restores us and makes us whole.

¹⁰“... 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. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” **ACTS 4:10-12**

Peter once again reminded the crowds that Jesus is the cornerstone who was rejected by men, yet chosen by God to bring salvation to all people. But the salvation that Peter was talking about here is much more than being delivered from sin. The crippled man experienced this salvation which brought him healing and freedom from his dire situation. The salvation we find in Jesus leads to wholeness and peace—in

every area of our lives. As we build our lives on Him, our cornerstone, we too will experience healing, freedom, hope, faith, joy—basically, everything we need! According to Acts 3:6–10, what happened after the crippled man was healed? How have you experienced God’s salvation, including healing and wholeness?

3

Our salvation in Christ emboldens us to preach the gospel.

¹²“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” ¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

ACTS 4:12-13

Because Peter and John had faith in Jesus, they were empowered by His Spirit to preach His name everywhere. Even despite opposition and persecution, they preached the word of Christ not just in this instance, but even in other cities. In the same way, as we put our faith in Christ, our cornerstone, He will supply the boldness, wisdom, and power we need to preach the gospel in spite of the challenges we face. As we hold on to His truth and move in faith, we will see more lives changed and restored to Him. Recall a time when you preached the gospel in spite of your hesitations or the challenges you were facing. What was the result?

APPLICATION

- Have you put your faith in Christ alone for your salvation? If not, pray to Him and receive Him today as your Lord and Savior.
- In what areas do you need to experience the salvation of God that brings healing and wholeness? How does knowing that God restores help you become victorious in these areas?
- Who is God leading you to preach the gospel to? Ask God for the boldness and opportunity to share about God's faithfulness in your life and the saving power of Jesus Christ this week.

PRAYER

- Thank God that we have salvation in Christ alone. Pray for the grace to continue to live out our salvation and that we will put our full trust in Him alone.
- Ask God to reveal areas in your life where you need His restoration and victory. Pray that as you abide in Him, the cornerstone, you will continue to experience His peace and wholeness.
- Pray for open doors and willing hearts as you preach the gospel to your family and friends. Pray that they too will build their lives on Him and preach the gospel to others.



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