

a study in  
**ACTS**

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**IF YOU WANT TO SEE MIRACLES HAPPEN,  
ACT IN THE NAME OF JESUS.**

Acts 3:11-26

<sup>11</sup>While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>12</sup>When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus. You handed Him over to be killed, and you disowned Him before Pilate, though he had decided to let Him go. <sup>14</sup>You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup>You killed the author of life, but God raised Him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup>By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through Him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

<sup>17</sup>"Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.

<sup>18</sup>But this is how God fulfilled what He had foretold through all the prophets, saying that His Christ would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup>and that He may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. <sup>21</sup>He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as He promised long ago through His holy prophets. <sup>22</sup>For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything He tells you. <sup>23</sup>Anyone who does not listen to Him will be completely cut off from among His people.'

<sup>24</sup>"Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel on, as many as have spoken, have foretold these days. <sup>25</sup>And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, 'Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.' <sup>26</sup>When God raised up His servant, He sent Him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."

**If you want to deal with life "in the name of Jesus" you must...**

1. Surrender to His \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Align with His \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Depend on His \_\_\_\_\_.

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**BREAK THE ICE:**

Who lives by priorities that you deeply respect? Why?

**IN THE BIBLE:**

1. Many Jews were waiting for "times of refreshing" (v. 19). In other words, they were longing for better days because they were exhausted and disappointed. How refreshed do you feel nowadays?
2. Look at verse 19. What did the Israelites need to do to receive this refreshment from the Lord?
3. How did Peter and John perform such a miraculous healing? Read verse 16 and look for two elements that are combined (like gun power and a spark).

**FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Who do you know that has a "good name?" How would you describe their character, deeds and reputation? How would you describe Jesus' "good name?"
2. If you could see God work any miracle in your life right now, what would it be?
3. If you could see God work any miracle in the life of someone else, what would it be?
4. Describe a significant challenge in your life right now. What would it mean to deal with that situation in the name of Jesus? (Remember, to function "in the name of Jesus" is to surrender to His will, align with His priorities and depend on His power.)