



*The Lame Man: Woe to Wonder*

*Acts 3:1-10*

# This Morning's Story

- This is a wonderful story about God's love and care for us, and his ability to renew. The character in the story will go from:
  - Hopeless to hopeful
  - Socially outcast to in community
  - Illness to health
  - Bondage to freedom

# Isaiah 35:1-7

- Redemption, renewal, restoration –  
God’s character and the nature of  
“streams in the desert”



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- The Lame Man
  - From Birth (verse 2)
  - 40 Years old (4:22)
  - Taking his place in society



# 6-10 The Unfamiliar

- The Encounter
  - No reliance upon the familiar
  - Complete reliance upon Jesus
    - Acts 3:16, 4:18
- The fruit of the unfamiliar:
  - Miraculous healing
  - “New birth” into society
  - Praise to God
  - Wonder and amazement



# Takeaways

- Be available within the familiar
- Healing miracles
  - An affirmation of the gospel of Jesus
  - 2017 – the gift of miraculous healing?
    - A fullness (& variety) in the Gospels & Acts; a scarcity of the remaining NT
    - God's power to heal; human's power to corrupt
    - Be humble; be circumspect





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- The Gospel, and the Name of Jesus:
  - Demands attention
    - If you are searching, you are attentive
  - Is a solution that is not natural
    - There was no hope in the world for this man
  - Is a solution that is supernatural
    - For 2,000 years, the Gospel has rescued from the natural

