

Peter & John had healed man in Jesus' name and power of the Holy Spirit power. This drew a crowd!

Quote: Dr. Gareth Tuckwell, Medical Superintendent, Burswood Christian Healing Centre, Kent, UK - *"A miracle is something that causes people to wonder & points them to God."*

Peter continued to explain to crowd what was happening.

Quote: John Wimber, founder of the Vineyard Churches > *"Always explain to congregation what is happening when there are signs and wonders of the presence of H. Spirit."*

Ignorance

3:17 *"Now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders."*

On the cross Jesus said, *"Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."*

Reflect: When did I act in ignorance?

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Quote: Dr. Paul Kisau, Theological College, Kenya: *"The Christian church today needs to have faith in his name if we are to experience miracles in this century that will help the church to point the world to Jesus, the Prince of Life."*

Reflect: What are my thoughts regarding that statement?

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Refreshing

3:19 *"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."*

How hard it is to repent! But look at the outcome – sins wiped out, refreshing from the Lord.

Reflect: What does it mean to me to repent and be refreshed?

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Restoration & Blessing

3:21,26 *"He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything ... When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."*

Although the people may be guilty, they are also heirs of the promise of blessing given to Abraham. God's primary desire is for us to be families of blessing, from Abraham down.

Reflect: What is my reaction to the above statement?

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Action: A prayerful commitment to ...

Move from ignorance to knowing,

sin to repentance,

dryness to refreshing,

brokenness to restoration,

cursing to blessing ...

... in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit.