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St Francis



April 8, 2015

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*And they were filled with wonder and amazement at
what had happened to him.*

Acts 3:10

Wonder and Amazement

The verse above records the response of the crowd which had witnessed the miraculous, public healing of a man who had been lame from birth. Peter and John prayed for this man and everyone saw him get up and start "walking and leaping and praising God (verse 8)." It was an amazingly powerful act. Had I been there I would have been struck with wonder and amazement just like everyone else. The sheer power of that miracle would have been astounding.

Walking and Leaping and Praising God

Something else would have been very easy for me to do as well. I would have wanted to see another miracle, and then another one, and another one after that. I would not have wanted it to stop. My temptation would be to only look for miracles. Peter gave the crowd gathered there the next steps to take. He says, "Repent therefore, and turn again . . .(verse 19)." This can apply to all of us. It can be very tempting to want that wonderful worship experience every time we gather but not desire anything else. A powerful, inspiring worship service is not the same thing as discipleship. An excellent sermon, inspiring songs, and engaging prayers can be very powerful. Raw spiritual power by itself will not be enough to be an effective follower of Jesus. However, just like the power steering system in our cars helps to guide a very powerful engine and vehicle, we will need some power steering fluid in our lives to be able to live a fruitful Christian life. The "power steering fluid" for us is living a life of discipleship. Seeing what Jesus did and doing the same thing is the fluid that helps to guide us along with the power we have received.

What is God Asking of You?

Do you sense His prompting to grow in discipleship? What step does God want you to take? Is He leading you into one of our missional communities or huddles for a deeper life of discipleship? Let me know johnwinded@icloud.com.

Coming Attractions

Sunday, April 12, 2015 worship at 10:00am followed by pot luck.

Sunday, April 19, 2015 worship at 10:00am

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 Aspire Dance Academy recital at 7:30pm at St. Francis.

Our Missional Communities

The Parke meets on Sunday, April 12, 2015 for pot luck at the home of Richard and Hedey Walker 1661 Centerville Parke Lane, Manakin Sabot 23103. Contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com

Symphony meets on April 26, 2015 at 8:45am at Symphony Manor of Richmond 12411 Gayton Rd; Richmond 23238. Contact Bobbie Leviness at [400-7895](tel:400-7895)

Please bring non-perishable food items to be contributed to the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Bank. You may leave your contributions in the box in the vestibule.

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For Dollar General that the employees would live solid productive lives, business would increase, and many people would be well served in our community by this franchise.

Diocese of Virginia

Congregations and clergy of St. Paul's, Alexandria; Emmanuel, Delaplane; Trinity, Upperville.

Metropolitan Richmond

For the Spirit of Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of hope, of possibility, eternal life, and of commitment to the redeeming power of God who brings life out of death to people and communities.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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