



————— ❧ *Week Two: Get Refreshed!* ❧ —————

**Date:** June 21, 2020

**This weeks primary Biblical text:** Acts 3:11-26

**This weeks supporting scripture:** Hebrews 12:2, Ephesians 2:8, Isaiah 52:13-14, Isaiah 53:4-6

**This weeks memory challenge:** Acts 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*

**Reading for next week:** Acts 4:1-12

————— ❧ *Reflection and Discussion Notes* ❧ —————

† Recap from last week: The man who was healed started the day hoping just to COPE. What he received was a NEW LIFE.

† Peter starts his sermon with a question to the people of Jerusalem: Why are you SURPRISED?

† Peter's question made two points:

- The man wasn't healed by OUR POWER

- The man wasn't healed by OUR GODLINESS

† To show whose power did this healing, Peter connects Jesus to God's work in the origin story of ISRAEL.

† The people totally rejected Jesus! But greater than their rejection was God's PURPOSE and PLAN.

† The man was healed through FAITH in the name of Jesus. Peter describes two key truths about faith.

- The necessity of faith IN CHRIST.
  
- The reality that our faith comes THROUGH CHRIST.

† Peter has given the evidence of who Jesus is! This evidence demands a RESPONSE, and carries a PROMISE.

- Promise of FREEDOM from sin.
  
- Promise of being REFRESHED by God.
  
- Promise that God will RESTORE all things.

† The blessing

*Takeaway from today's message*

† Our faith is rooted in the foundation of the PAST

† Our faith looks forward with great expectation to the FUTURE

† Our faith lives, it is vibrant, we are being refreshed and our lives restored in the PRESENT, in the midst of life as it really is!