



## LEAVING EARTH “The End Credits” Acts 3:11-16 August 16, 2015

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John 13:1-7*

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SERVANT - JESUS

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PRINCE OF LIFE

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(circle your punctuation)

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*2 Chronicles 20:12; Micah 6:8; 2 Corinthians 5:7;  
Matthew 9:35-38*

### OUR RESPONSE:

- ✓ **What Was Your Punctuation This Morning?** If it was that comma or a question mark, you need to make it a PERIOD and we do that by doing just as the Crippled man did – placing his faith in Jesus to heal him not only physically but most importantly spiritually. It is a simple yet as deep as the ABC's. **Admit** to God you are a sinner, **Ask** for His forgiveness, **Believe** Jesus is God's Son, **Confess** Him as Savior & **Commit** Your Life to Him as Lord. (the Boss of your life)
- ✓ For some **the PERIOD needs to be a part of the Faith Family of Petal FBC**. You can do that today by stepping over the line if He has called you to and join!
- ✓ For others it might be that act of humility and obedience to be baptized and be a part of Petal FBC.
- ✓ Are you **pointing people to Jesus instead of yourself?** In the end, who is getting the credit in your life? Are you leading them to understand who Jesus is and taking the moments He gives you to explain and make clear who He is and what He has done? **Who in your life needs that impact in their life?**
- ✓ Are you living your life in your power or in His Power? **Where in your life do you need Christ' power?**
- ✓ How can you this week walk in the truth: It's Christ's actions in you and not the actions by you?
- ✓ **Where are Your Broken Today?** Write it down and make a decision today by God's grace and mercy to leave it behind today at the altar and begin to Lean deeply and completely into Jesus for everything!
- ✓ **Who can you Share your brokenness this week** and ask them to pray with you. Or who do you know that is broken and needs you to share your story with them?

# THE ACTS: LEAVING EARTH

“The End Credits”

*Acts 3:11-16*

August 23, 2015 AM Service

Have you ever taken the time to sit and watch the end credits of a movie? We rarely do but if we would we would find the list of hundreds of people who helped to write, produce, and make the movie. Most of the time we only know the actors or actresses names who star in the movie but without all these people, this movie wouldn't have been made, especially these animated films. We only see these people mentioned at Awards shows and some of them are given credit.

Remember back to 2 weeks ago, we saw a crippled guy healed and everyone was amazed and filled with wonder including of course the guy. We pick it back up and we find the man clinging to Peter and John and now a huge crowd has gathered once again and Peter and John have the opportunity to finally take a little credit, I mean after all they were the ones who healed the guy right? They are the ones who said, rise up and pulled the man up. They were heroes almost superstars.

Yet we find that these men don't take that route, they take a far different one that many then and even now choose to take, even in Christendom today.

**3 questions today** – Who gets the credit in your life? Are you really alive today!? Do you realize how broken we all are and what are you doing with that brokenness?

## Leverage God Moments & Lead Others to Understand

[Isaiah 52:6-15](#); [53:2-12](#); [Matthew 12:18-21](#) ([Isaiah 42:1-14](#)); [John 13:1-7](#)

Once again Peter wastes no time and seizes the moment and the attention that the miracle has brought and helps and leads people to understand what has happened. Along the way, we will see Peter use some important names of Jesus to help the people grasp who Jesus was and is.

He asks a great questions - **Why do you marvel at this?** Why are they were full of amazement – because of the miracle that had just occurred

Notice, people are amazed when the power of God is on display.

you so amazed at the fact that this man has been healed? You shouldn't be, it is what was promised long ago, and now you are seeing fulfilled

today. Peter makes it clearly relevant to those whom he is speaking to. He takes this incredible God moment if you will and leverages it in such a way, a good way to lead people to a deeper understanding about what has happened and the significance behind it! That is our call to today by the way is to share the Word of God in such a way that people see and understand that it is relevant to their lives! Many don't see this as we see when we came to Church tomorrow compared to tomorrow morning on the way to school and work! However, doesn't change the fact and in fact underscores even more the need for us to speak the truth and the deep things of the Word of God into people's lives! The key is that we have to know more and grow deeper and applying them to our lives!

### **God of Our Fathers (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob)**

Here Peter first gives the connection back to the covenant faithfulness of God referring back to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, that God was faithful and this is the Messiah promised to them. He draws them back to the OT – a name and their heritage to show them that God had sent Jesus, and has glorified Jesus even in this moment right here!

### **Servant– Jesus Vs 13a**

Here Peter again preaches Jesus, and takes them (these were Jews remember) back through the OT if you will through this time the names of Jesus, to help them see who He was and that He was exactly who he claimed to be and who Scripture said He would be.

[Isaiah 52-53](#) [Matthew 12:18 -21](#) quotes [Isaiah 42:1-14](#) of the fact that Jesus was God's servant.

[John 13:1-7](#) Jesus epitomizes a servant, washing the disciples feet

### **Jesus Vs 13b**

Joshua the Lord is salvation, most common name of the Lord

Here using that name reminds them that he was innocent, even Pilate knew that, and even the Jews knew he was innocent yet they had him killed.

### **Lasting Impact Requires Legitimate Humility**

[Proverbs 11:2](#); [Proverbs 22:4](#); [Philippians 2:3](#)

**People Cling to People – put their eyes on the wrong thing**

**Why do you look at us as if by our own power or holiness healed this man?** What was most prideful for a Jewish person, to have moral impeccability and religious diligence.

In other words, he was showing them, it is not because we are super religious or that we are so pure and holy that this man was healed.

It rings true when we Peter connects the reason for the miracle!

**ILLUS: Contrast to the Hollywood red carpet taking pictures**

It's not false humility – when you act like you're not good at something but you know that you are, or successful and say I'm really not when we all know they are!

True humility is when we realize that is only by the Amazing Grace of God that we are who we are! It's not me but look at the Lord! Everything I am, everything I have, everything I do is all because of Jesus

I am conduit or God's power – not a reservoir!

The Holy Spirit of God is living and working in and through us!

**Realize It's Christ's Actions Through You; Not Christ-Like Actions By You. (ex. Disciples vs Pharisees) Colossians 1:29**

This worship time is not to get to you do a bunch of spiritual stuff when in fact it is Christ moving through you and those things will come. So this morning so I want to help you open up the conduit this morning!

John 15 – Quit trying to do things for me and abide in me and out of that relationship comes the things

**ILLUS: We don't brag on a straw do we or to the gas pump and wow what a hose or wow what a pipe when you turned on the shower this morning!**

**The conduit is forgotten because of what is coming out! Jesus wants us to be the pipeline in which He can flow through us and move through us!** May people not see us but see Jesus!

The Great Commission will never be fulfilled by people looking for 3 points and a poem but instead by people who desperately seek the Lord and ask Him to move through us and we yield to the Lord and it is then we see His power flowing through us!

**Holy & Righteous One Vs 14**

He reminds them that they asked for Barabbas, a guilty murderer to be set free, and to kill Jesus. They chose a murderer over the Holy and Righteous One!! What?

Yet, Jesus was holy, set apart by God, he was perfect without any sin and the righteous one, innocent

Even the Gentiles, Pilate's own wife and the centurion realize who he was and that he was innocent.

## Legitimate Life Requires the Source of Life

### Prince of Life

Refers to the originator, pioneer, or the beginning of something

Jesus is the source of life, life begins with him

They needed to be reminded they had crucified him, whether out of ignorance or not, they had killed him but even so God raised Him from the dead!

But they had put him to death – the Source of the Life!! And yet we would have done the very same thing!

Adam & Eve – fruit on my mouth , Golden Calf – worshiped the calf or at the cross – I would have said give us Barabas and kill Jesus!

**We chose the death over the source of life**

**We've chose murder over a Savior**

**We've chose selfishness over geneoristy**

**We've chosen convenience over conviction**

**We've chosen pleasure over priority**

**We've chosen abortion over adoption**

**We've chosen busyness over significance**

What's wrong with America – the same that is wrong with us – sin – it's me that's the problem – we would have done the same!

Death is funny, a tragedy in Hollywood, we have become desensitized to it – we have minimized is so much that we have trivialized our lives!

True Life requires the source of life! - Jesus is the source of life

[Jeremiah 17:9](#); [Jeremiah 2:13](#); [John 20:31](#)

The question is who will you choose today – Barabas or Jesus?

**I am a \_\_\_\_\_, ? . ! (circle your punctuation)**

What is your primary identity A mom, a dad, I am a Saints fan, I am this, or that businessman I'm rich, poor, old, young, etc.

The blank should be filled with Christ Follower – everything else is role or a hobby – Christ Follower is an identity of the soul

**What's your punctuation?**

I am I think – kind of , sometimes, depends on what day it is

I am a Christ Follower, and a mom, dad, your identity

No – it's when it becomes a period – and the other simply comes out of who I really am because nothing else matters!

So one day I get to an exclamation point – ultimately when I get to heaven – it’s all about Jesus and we get to worship with the saints of God and nobody is asking what I did what my job was but simply whose am I? What was my identity of my soul?

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Translating for us, they had to understand the bad news before they can understand how really good the good news is!

A person must be convinced that they are sick before they will accept treatment. **ILLUS: being sick, I knew I needed help!**

It is why it is so important that we share the whole gospel, yes God is love and he offers salvation, but we need to also share what we are being saved from! From hell and death, and the grave, and futile living, and then what we are being saved too, Jesus and the abundant life he offers!

**We are all spiritually crippled beggars, and the call is to walk in faith in His name.**

The power of the cross and the resurrection can bring perfect healing in our lives just like it did – yet just as we sang a moment ago, that we come broken, wounded, empty, and on and on – but we come to Jesus with our arms wide open and say my whole life is yours!