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Sermon Summary - 14 March 2021

Who is the Hero in your Story? - Acts 3 :1-16 (Robert O'Callahan)

See verse 6. Imagine what Peter was thinking. I imagine him thinking "I hope this works!"

Sometimes (but not often) I've had experiences where God has prompted me to do something. How about out?

Verse 7: What reaction would you have if you were Peter? "Wow!" At this point, it might be tempting to think, "I'm the man!"

Verse 12 and 16: This is actually about Jesus.

It's easy to feel I'm good at [such and such], but this is not what we are supposed to be thinking.

KEY LESSON: We are not the hero of our story. Jesus is.

We are a cross between the damsel in distress and the villain. We don't have to try to be the hero. As Peter said, It's not by our own power ... He just had to obey and take steps of faith.

Acts 2:42-47 - the fellowship of the early church. We can do all these things too.

Peter's example of evangelism. We too need to explain to people that Jesus is your hero.

"Check your privilege". Don't take your background for advantage. Be grateful. I thank God for his grace in my life.

Questions

1. Have you interacted with a beggar? What happened? How should we respond to beggars in Auckland?
2. Read Acts 3:1-16. What do you notice? What surprises you about this story? What questions do you have?
3. Put yourself in the beggar's shoes. His day turned out very different from the one he had planned! What must it have been like when Peter talked with him? When he commanded him to walk? When he actually got up by himself for the first time in his life?
4. Peter's message would have been longer than the one recorded but Luke gives us a synopsis. What is Peter's message? Reflect on Rob's key point: *We are not the hero of our story. Jesus is.* What are the implications for the way we view our lives? Give an example.
5. Read verses 17-26 and the associated prophecies: Deuteronomy 18:15,18,19 and Genesis 22:18; 26:4. What do you learn?
6. Peter declared that he did not have silver and gold to offer the man, but he had something far greater. What can we offer people who need help and healing today?