**Point them to Jesus**

*8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, 9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; 10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.* **Acts 4:8-12**

 Our scripture takes place after the healing of the lame man at the gate which was called Beautiful. If you will recall the scripture in Acts 3, Dr. Luke tells the reader about Peter and John encountering the lame man who man was at this gate asking for alms. Peter stated in verse 6, “Silver and gold, have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.”

In Acts 4, we read about Peter and John being questioned about “what power or what name” they were able heal the lame man. I love Peter’s preaching in verses 8-12. Peter simply turns the attention to Jesus. Peter doesn’t try to take credit himself; he points those individuals to Jesus. Peter preached a message that day, that was relevant 2,000 years ago. That message is one that is relevant today in the 21st century. If the world is still standing here in 2,000 years, that message will still be relevant.

I am afraid that many of our brothers and sisters have got away from the message of Jesus. For some reason, we want to promote individuality. People should be able to see Jesus in every sermon. People should be able to see Jesus through the actions of other Christians. Our successes we experience as Christians are not because of our own doing. Our successes are and should be credited to Jesus. May we always be found doing as Peter did in this passage. Point them to Jesus!

In Christ,

Adam NeSmith