

Acts Part 5 – From Mountaintop To Mainstreet
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Acts 3

- **The church had just had a “mountaintop” experience in Acts 2. Now its time to for it go to Mainstreet. Ministry is done in the streets.**
- **Mountaintop experiences are good and necessary. These experiences are intended to empower us to minister in the “streets.” God told Moses to get off the mountain and go to the people. (Ex. 32:7)**

What can we learn about how to take our mountaintop experiences to main street?

There are four responses for us to take our mountaintop experiences to mainstreet.

I. God wants us to have a persistent prayer. V.1

- a. After the life changing experience with Pentecost they understood the value of corporate prayer and worship.
- b. Sometimes after a deep spiritual encounter people grow impatient with ordinary and routine of church.
- c. Like in Acts 2:42, the organic church started to become organized. They continued in the apostles teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer.
- d. There is a connection to our effectiveness in people and our prayer life.

II. God wants us to care about people. V. 2-5

- a. We are endued with power to help people.
- b. Peter and John understood that God had vested them with power and authority to continue Jesus’ work on the earth.
- c. The man wanted money but needed a miracle. He wanted coins but needed a cure.
- d. God wants us to notice, care, and do something about the plight of others. The experience of the Holy Spirit is not just us.

III. God wants us to believe for a release of power. V. 6-9

- a. Peter and John were penniless but not powerless.
- b. The name of Jesus can activate the power of the Holy Spirit when accompanied in faith during a time of need.
- c. We need to stop wringing our hands in hopelessness and reach out hands in hopefulness.
- d. Do we expect that we have something that can help others?

IV. God wants us to passionately preach. V. 11-26

- a. The miracle gave Peter a platform for a message.
- b. The message:
 - i. Peter gave Jesus the praise. V. 12 – 16
 - ii. Peter called out their sin. V. 17-18
 - iii. Peter preached about God’s plan of forgiveness through Jesus. V. 20-25
 - iv. Peter commanded them to repent. V. 19 and 26
- c. God wants us to preach the Gospel to the world.

- **God is calling us to have a mountaintop experience that will prepare us to help others on mainstreet through praying, caring for people, believing for a release of power, and passionately preaching.**