



Finding Your Identity

Acts 3:11-26

Context: A man who was lame for forty plus years was healed.

The Anatomy of an Incident:

What the lame man did:

What Peter did:

What God did:

What the Jews did:

What the Jews must now do:

- **Repent:**
- **Return:**
- **Give heed:**
- **Bless:**

Question: Does any part of “What the Jews must now do” apply to you?

- **Repent:**
- **Return:**
- **Give heed:**
- **Bless:**

The Central Truth: When I understand Jesus’ identity as the Savior...I can then embrace my identity as the servant of the Savior.

For Instance:

Application: In what specific ways in your life do you need to:

- Repent:
- Return:
- Give heed:
- Bless:

“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

The Central Idea: When I understand Jesus’ identity as the Savior...I can then embrace my identity as the servant of the Savior.

Following Christ is a daily deal. Please take some time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- **Today. Repentance** is a “heart-level reconsideration of what you believe that brings you to embrace God’s perspective of reality.” Repentance then results in “the fruit of repentance.” Is the Holy Spirit convicting you of something of which you need to repent? ...need to bring forth the fruit of repentance?
- **Monday.** Have you abandoned something to which you need to **return**?
- **Tuesday.** What are the primary ways in which you are not **giving heed to the words of Jesus**? What do you need to do?
 - “Go into all the world and make disciples ...”
 - “You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, ...”
 - “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength...”
 - “Love your wife as Christ loved the church.”
 - “Wives see to it that you respect your husband.”
 - “Honor your father and mother....”
 - “Love others as yourself.”
 - “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but raise them...”
 - “Bear one another’s burdens.”
 - “Forgive as you have been forgiven.”
 - “Ask, knock, and seek.”
 - “Do not merely be hearers of the Word who delude themselves...”
- **Wednesday.** Is there one primary way, given your giftedness and personal resources and context, that God wants you to “**bless the nations of the earth**?”
- **Thursday.** What does it mean for you uniquely to be a “servant of the Savior?”
- **Friday.** What are ten big things for which you need to thank, praise, and bless God from this past year? Practice a little “walking, leaping, and praising God.”
- **Saturday.** Please spend time in prayer asking Jesus what it uniquely means for you to be “a servant of the Savior.”

“Being a ‘servant of the Savior’ is more defining than being a wife or husband, business person or sister, father or writer, or anything.”