



## **The Problem of Miracles**

Acts 4:13-22

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

**Listen:** Once upon a time there was a young military couple who got married too young, drank too much, partied too hard, fought too much, talked too little, drifted apart, and, three kids later, found themselves on the fast track to divorce.

**Why?** What would happen if God showed up in this, or any, mess?

**The Central Truth:** The various results of God's miraculous works are:

- ...complete healing for needy people. (v 22)
  
- ...determined opposition from godless people. (vv 15-18, 21)
  
- ...settled boldness in God's people. (vv 13, 19, 20)
  
- ...glory to God Himself. (v 21)

**For Instance:** Once upon a time there was a retired military couple who moved to Prague and they.... And now you know the rest of the story.

**Application:** What is the situation(s) in which you need God to show up and work with power?

**Question:** What are you going to do to invite God to show up?

# “Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

**The Central Idea:** When God shows up needy people are healed, godless people flare up, God’s people get bold, and God is glorified.

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

- **Today:** People are transformed by being with Jesus. What are you doing to be with Him?
  
- **Monday:** List all the situations that are weighing on you and are “unfixable” by you.
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- **Tuesday:** Will you trust God to show up and work in the above situations?
  
- **Wednesday:** When God shows up to work in these are you ready for godless people to be angry?
  
- **Thursday:** Is there any way in which you have been heeding the will of men above the will of God? What do you need to do?
  
- **Friday:** People who see the powerful work of God in broken lives cannot stop talking about what they saw. What does this idea stir up in you?
  
- **Saturday:** Please read and reflect on Acts 4:23-31 in preparation for tomorrow.

*“Dear Father, I need You to show up and I trust You to show up.  
In Jesus’ name. Amen.”*