

THE TRANSFORMING WORD

A photograph of a church building silhouetted against a dramatic sunset sky. The church has a prominent steeple with a cross on top. The sky is filled with clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The church is the central focus, with its architectural details like arched windows and a gabled roof visible in silhouette.

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The power of words...



“Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.”

(Isaiah 40:4-5, KJV)



Discipleship – the lifelong process of becoming more like Christ.



**Where am I on the journey of
discipleship?**





Here I stand.
I can do no other.
God help me. Amen.

Open Bibles to Acts chapter 3



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Chapters 6-9, evangelism among the non-Jews, including the stoning of Stephen.



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- Church meets together at temple and in homes.



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*While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.
(Acts 3:11)*



*When Peter saw this, he said to them:
“Fellow Israelites, why does this
surprise you? Why do you stare at us
as if by our own power or godliness
we had made this man walk?”
(Acts 3:12)*



Peter's Sermon ...

(Acts 3:11-26)



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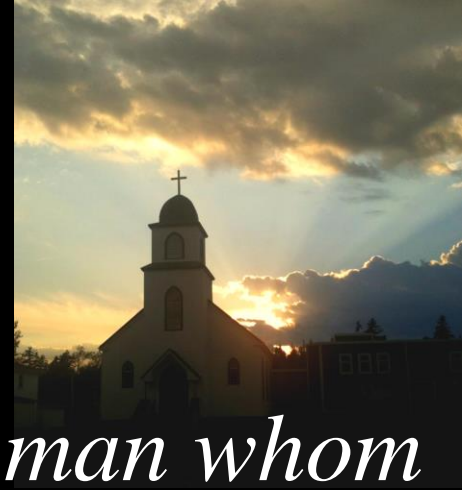
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“The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus.” (Acts 3:13)



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“For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people..’ (Acts 3:13)



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“Indeed, beginning with Samuel, all the prophets who have spoken have foretold these days.” (Acts 3:24)



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“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,” (Acts 3:19)



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“And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, ‘Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.’” (Acts 3:25)

