

THE CHURCH IN ACTION

PART ELEVEN: *WASHED-UP AND WRITTEN-OFF*

Acts 9:32-35 • Pastor Dean Lancaster • November 17, 2024

God pays attention to those who are geographically and spiritually distant, revealing that no one is beyond His transformative reach.

Because of God's greatness and power, we can look beyond our current situations, trusting that God can bring healing and restoration in the most desperate circumstances.

God is Everywhere

Acts 9:32 *As Peter traveled about the country, he went to visit the saints in Lydda.*

There are no "backwater" places in God's Kingdom.

Our current circumstances cannot keep us from God.

Everywhere we are, is where God can use us.

God uses Everyone

Acts 9:33-34 *There he found a man named Aeneas, a paralytic who had been bedridden for eight years. "Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and take care of your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up.*

Peter was unlearned and Aeneas was washed-up.

You are not too far gone to be saved by Jesus.

You are not too unsophisticated to be used by Jesus.

God does Everything

Acts 9:35 *All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.*

God is not limited by anything we are or anything we have done.

Jeremiah 32:27 *"I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"*

Luke 18:27 *Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."*

What these men brought with them was belief.

God will go to the most overlooked places and use the weakest individuals to accomplish His plan.

God uses our weakness to heal the weaknesses in others.

Take this with you...

Your situation is not so desperate that it is beyond God's power to change.

You do not need to be popular or powerful to be a servant of Jesus.

God receives glory by using the overlooked and rejected to bring Glory to His name.

Jesus wants to make you into a walking and talking miracle.

James 4:2 *You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.*