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LOVING



GROWING



SENDING

Acts 3





Restoration

- for the beggar, the old boundaries of separation remained...
 - ↳ remained outside the temple, not in it
 - ↳ remained apart from worship, not included
 - ↳ ignored by God's people, not incorporated

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Restoration

- the restoration Peter received is the restoration he can promise
 - ↳ the beggar entered the temple
 - ↳ the beggar offered worship
 - ↳ the beggar became part of God's people

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Transformation

- Peter has become the chief preacher, leader & evangelist
- Peter has become a theologian

What Peter was by nature was transformed into something different by grace.

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Transformation

- John tried to stop a man from casting out demons in Jesus' name
- John wanted to call down fire from heaven
- John & James: "Sons of Thunder"

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Transformation

Jesus takes us as we are, but he never leaves us as we were.

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Transformation

Praying that I would be the answer to my prayers may require that I be changed.

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Transformation

- Jesus didn't suffer & sacrifice in order to hold a grudge
 - ↳ ...nor so that you would remain the same

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Invitation

- theological & biblical depth leads to personal urgency
 - ↳ the need: sins blotted out (3:19)
 - ↳ the promise: refreshing (3:20)
 - ↳ the hope: restoration (3:21)

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