



## When Tragedy Strikes

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1. Aeneas is healed not by Peter, but by Jesus. In the healing of Aeneas and in the healing of the lame beggar (Acts 3), Peter is very clear that the healing comes from Jesus and gives him the glory. Sometimes when we have special gifts, we can become prideful about our abilities. Has this ever happened to you? Take time to pray and ask God to reveal any areas where you may be giving yourself glory instead of God.
2. Peter's healing of Tabitha is very similar to Jesus' healing of Jairus' daughter. Read [Mark 5:21-43](#) and list the similarities between the two healings. Why do you think they are so similar?
3. Broadly speaking, we don't see miracles happen the same way today as they did back in Peter's time. Why do you think that is?
4. Why do you think Luke includes these two events in Acts?
5. These two healings are clear examples of God's incredible power. They cannot be explained any other way. Pastor and author Stuart Briscoe once said that "All that's being done in evangelical Christianity in America can be done with good equipment, modern media, and a few gifted men. Very little that is happening in the church is explainable solely on the basis of God's activity and authority." Think about this for a moment. Do you agree or disagree? Think about times where you have truly seen God's activity and authority on display. Share these with your group, and praise God together!
6. What is your biggest takeaway from this week's message? How will you respond?