



## Signs & Wonders

Why Acts in 2011? To reaffirm North Way's commitment to both [Proof](#) and [Passion](#).

*"<sup>1</sup> One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. <sup>2</sup> Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. <sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. <sup>4</sup> Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" <sup>5</sup> So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. <sup>6</sup> Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." <sup>7</sup> Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. <sup>8</sup> He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. <sup>9</sup> When all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup> they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him." Acts 3:1-10 (NIV)*

### Signs & Wonders in the Early Church:

- There were [many](#). (Acts 2:43)
- They [confirmed](#) the message of God's Grace. (Acts 14:3)
- They were [controversial](#). (Acts 4: 8-9)
- They were not [consistent](#). (Acts 3:2)

### Those that Reason Signs & Wonders were for Back in the Day :

[Asking](#) for Signs is wicked and adulterous. (Matt. 12:38-40)

Things made perfect interpreted – the Canon. (I Cor. 13: 8-10)

The [Strange](#) Factor. (i.e. Rev. John Holyfield)

**Those that Reason Signs & Wonders are for Today:**

- The Pharisees were the wicked and adulterous.
- Things made perfect interpreted – Heaven – face to face. (I Cor. 13: 10)
- God often uses the Strange. (I.e. John the Baptist & Holyfield)
- Signs (Gifts) should be sought eagerly. (I Cor. 14:1, 12)

**What this looks like in our Communities of Faith:**

- We will be communities that pray and have faith for Signs & Wonders. (James 5:14)
- We will be communities where we resist “amusement park” sensationalism.
- We will be communities that petition God, but do not presume to command God.
- We will be communities where people come to faith at times due to Signs & Wonders.
- We will be communities where faith is stirred and kept alive at times through Signs & Wonders. (Matt.11:4-5)

**Signs & Wonders ... embracing both Proof and Passion!**

**Small Group Questions**

1. Have you recently prayed for a “sign and wonder”?
2. Have you experienced a “sign and wonder”?
3. How are you with unanswered prayers?
4. What is the difference between “petitioning” and “commanding” God?