



# Seize Your Moment Of Opportunity

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“And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? 13 The God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. 14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; 15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. 16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. 17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. 18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. 19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. 22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. 23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. 24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days. 25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. 26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities” (Acts 3:12-26).

A spectacular miracle has just taken place to the amazement and wonder of the temple worshippers who gathered around eager to know more. The crowd was rife with speculations on what had just happened. Peter could have just walked away leaving them to figure it out for themselves, but he didn't. He saw this as a unique opportunity not to be missed. You have probably heard the saying that “The opportunity of a lifetime,

**must be grasped within the lifetime of that opportunity”. This is exactly what Peter did. Many have ascended to greatness and success simply because they recognised and seized their opportunity. Similarly, many have languished in poverty and failure because they failed to recognise, or if they recognised, they failed to seize their opportunities for various reasons including, but not limited to fear, shyness, inferiority complex, laziness, procrastination, etc. Note the following salient points from Peter's exposition:**

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- 1) He asked the people why they were amazed (vs 12).
- 2) He shifted the attention of the people from themselves (Peter and John) to God (vs 12)
- 3) He established a link between the God of Abraham (whom they believed) with Jesus (whom they rejected) as God's son (vs 13)
- 4) He spoke directly about their evil in rejecting and killing Jesus (vs 14,15)
- 5) He linked the miracle to faith in the name of Jesus (vs 16),
- 6) He confirmed they were ignorant (vs 17)
- 7) He confirmed prophetic fulfilment (vs 18,21-25)
- 8) He demanded repentance (vs 19)
- 9) He pointed them to God's promises (vs 20)
- 10) He confirmed the resurrection of Jesus, and His ongoing work “in turning away every one of you from his iniquities” (vs 26).

Although not prepared ahead of time, his message was coherent, pungent and powerful to save. He made the best use of his opportunity in the circumstance, and you too should be ever ready to do same. His grace is sufficient.