

## Dreaming Bigger Acts 3:1-10

As God recognizes and heals a crippled beggar that most had overlooked, it reminds that all of humanity has dignity as those for whom Jesus Christ died and that God can overcome our greatest limitations and inabilities.

### Insult of the Normal

- Prayer at Temple

“He presented Himself alive ... speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God” —Acts 1:3

“They were asking Him, saying, ‘Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel.’” —Acts 1:6

- Beggar at Beautiful Gate

“They will see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God ... then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will shout for joy.” —Isaiah 35:2, 6

### Interruption to Normal

- God Recognizes!

“The crash of *Green Hornet* had left Louie and Phil in the most desperate physical extremity, without food, water, or shelter. But on Kwajalein, the guards sought to deprive them of something that had sustained them even as all else had been lost: dignity. This self-respect and sense of self-worth, the innermost armament of the soul, lies at the heart of humanness; to be deprived of it is to be dehumanized, to be cleaved from, and cast below, mankind. Men subjected to dehumanizing treatment experience profound wretchedness and loneliness and find that hope is almost impossible to retain. Without dignity, identity is erased. In its absence, men are defined not by themselves, but by their captors & the circumstances in which they are forced to live.” —Laura Hillenbrand’s *Unbroken*

- Are you trying to determine your worth by any other measure than the love of Christ?
- Are you stripping away another’s dignity by your disregard of them?

- God Remakes!

- Where do you see limitation and inability in your life?
- Do you need a bigger dream?

“If we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.” —C.S. Lewis in *Weight of Glory*