

Acts.

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ACTS 2:42-47 ESV

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.² And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple.

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ACTS 3:1-2, 7-10 ESV

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Broken

Helpless

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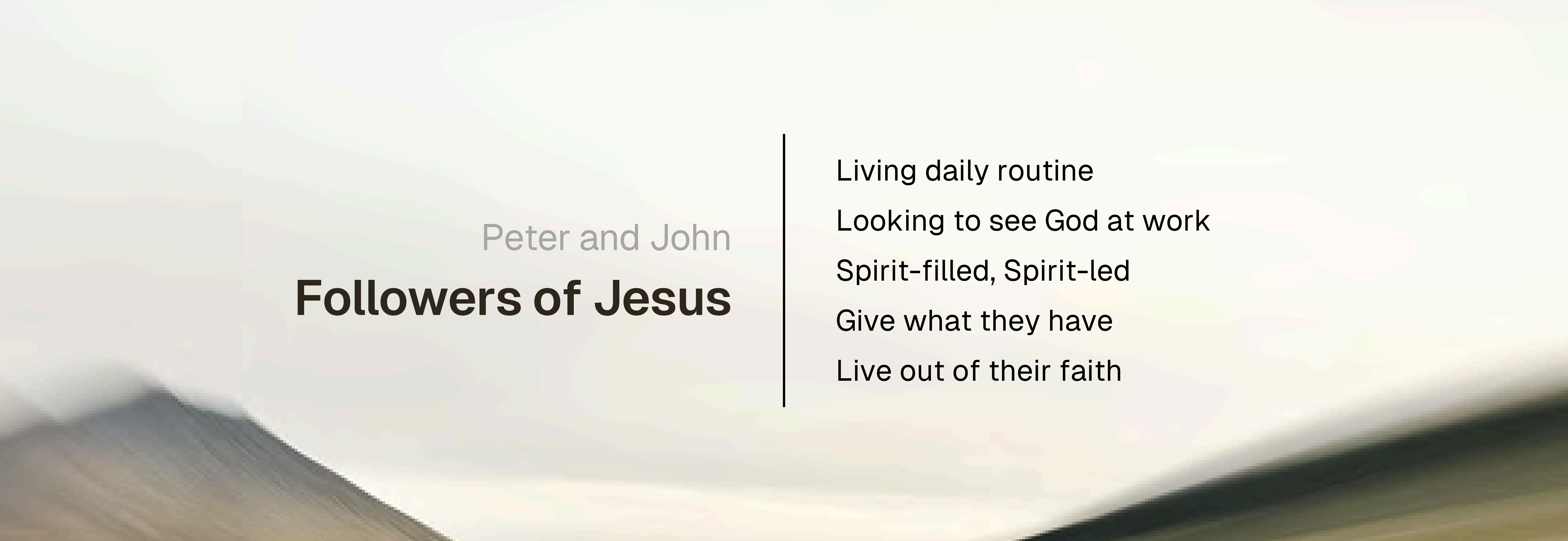
The Crippled Man **All of Us**

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Peter and John

Living daily routine
Looking to see God at work
Spirit-filled, Spirit-led
Give what they have
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The People in the Crowd

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¹⁰ and recognized him as the one who sat at the
Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And
they were filled with wonder and amazement at what
had happened to him.¹¹ While he clung to Peter and
John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together
to them in the portico called Solomon's.

ACTS 3:9-11 ESV

The People in the Crowd

Good people

God-fearing, religious people

People who value Scripture

“The **God** of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, **glorified his servant Jesus**, whom **you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate**, when he had decided to release him.¹⁴ But **you denied the Holy and Righteous One**, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,¹⁵ and **you killed the Author of life**, whom **God raised from the dead**. To this we are witnesses.¹⁶ And **his name**—by faith in his name—**has made this man strong** whom you see and know, and the faith that is through **Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.**”

ACTS 3:13-16 ESV

The People in the Crowd

Good people

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People who value Scripture

Sinful and facing judgment

Guilty of the death of God's Son

Ignorant of God's Word and His will

“Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus...

25 You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’ **26** **God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”**

ACTS 3:19-20; 25-26 ESV

The People in the Crowd

REPENT

So that:

Your sins may be blotted out

Times of refreshing may come

Christ may return for you

You might be blessed and become a blessing

The People in my City (Me?)

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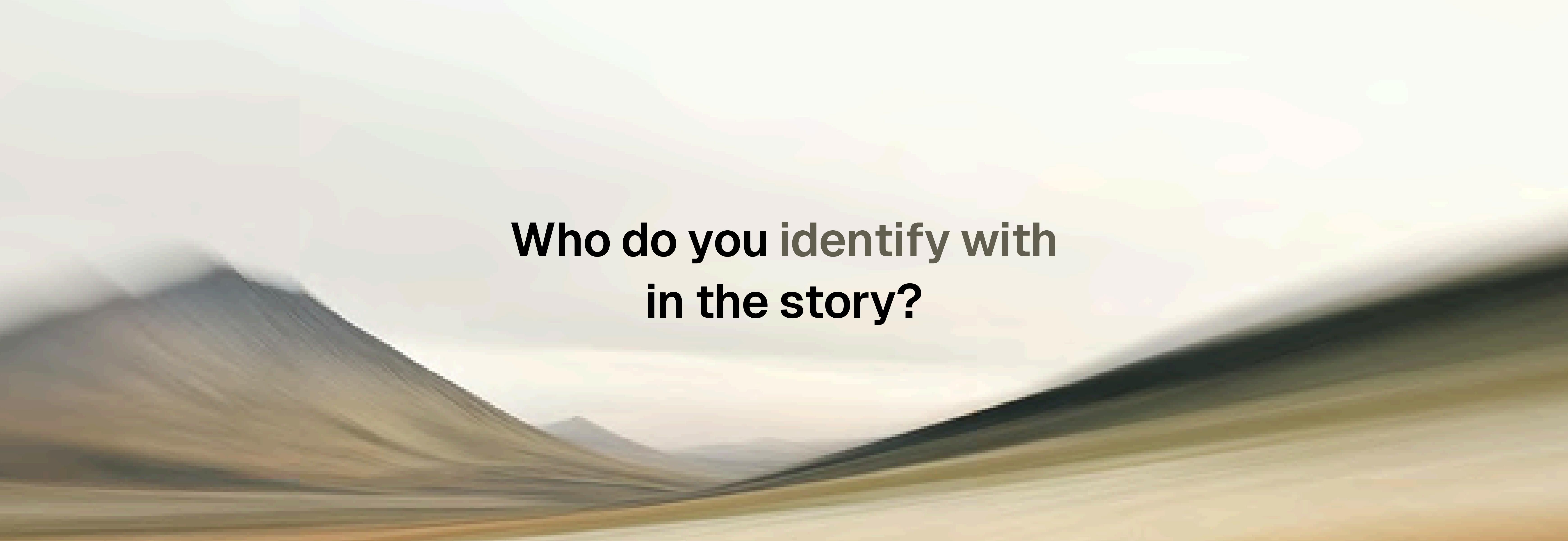
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**Who do you identify with
in the story?**