



Series: Unstoppable (Part 7)

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INTRODUCTION

In Acts 4 we see that there seem to be two main responses in the face of disruption, interruption and change. Between the religious leaders and Peter and John, we see two distinct reactions to the miraculous healing of the lame man in Acts 3. The challenge for us is to consider how we would respond: Are we like the religious leaders, blinded by their own personal agendas and unable to see the power of God at work? Or are our eyes open to recognize God's hand? Regardless of what type of disruption, interruption and change we experience, we have the same options in our response. How do you respond today?

DISCUSSION

1. What experiences of disruption, interruption and change are you going through today?
2. Read Acts 4:1-7.
 - a. How would you describe the initial response of the religious leaders to the miracle of healing the lame man (See Acts 3:1-10)?

- b. What words jump out at you?
 - c. Why do you think the religious leaders had this reaction?
3. Read Acts 4:8-12.
- a. What do you notice about Peter's response to the accusations of the religious leaders?
 - b. What else do you learn about the religious leaders from Peter's words?
 - c. What encourages you about how Peter responds to the religious leaders?
4. Read Acts 4:13-17.
- a. After hearing Peter's response, what do the religious leaders do?
 - b. How does their reaction reveal their heart attitude?
5. Read Acts 4:18-22.
- a. How did Peter and John respond to the religious leader's demand?
 - b. How does this challenge or encourage you?
6. In your personal experiences of disruption, interruption and change, what is your response? Is something in the way of you recognizing God's voice in the midst of your situation? Take time to reflect on these questions:
- What area of life most fills your thoughts?
 - What gets you most emotional?
 - What concerns you the most?
 - What, if God said to give up, would be so hard for you to let go of?
 - What do you love to have control over?
7. Read 2 Kings 6:15-17. Elisha prays for his servant's eyes to be opened to see his situation from God's perspective.
- a. What situation do you need to have your eyes opened?
 - b. Share with your group and pray for one another to have God's eyes for that situation.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO

God speaks to us regularly and often uses circumstances to redirect, remind or focus our hearts back on Him. When we experience disruption, interruption and change in our lives, we have an opportunity to hear from God. If we are preoccupied by our own personal agendas, we may miss His voice. Even good things such as family, job, friends, or ministry can become a distraction if they are causing us to take our eyes off

God. In the midst of your situation, will you pray for yourself as Elisha prayed for his servant, “Open my eyes, Lord, that I may see”? The circumstances may not change, but if our eyes are open, we can see how God is using the situation to grow us, use us and be glorified.

MEMORY VERSE

“And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see” - 1 Kings 6:17a NIV