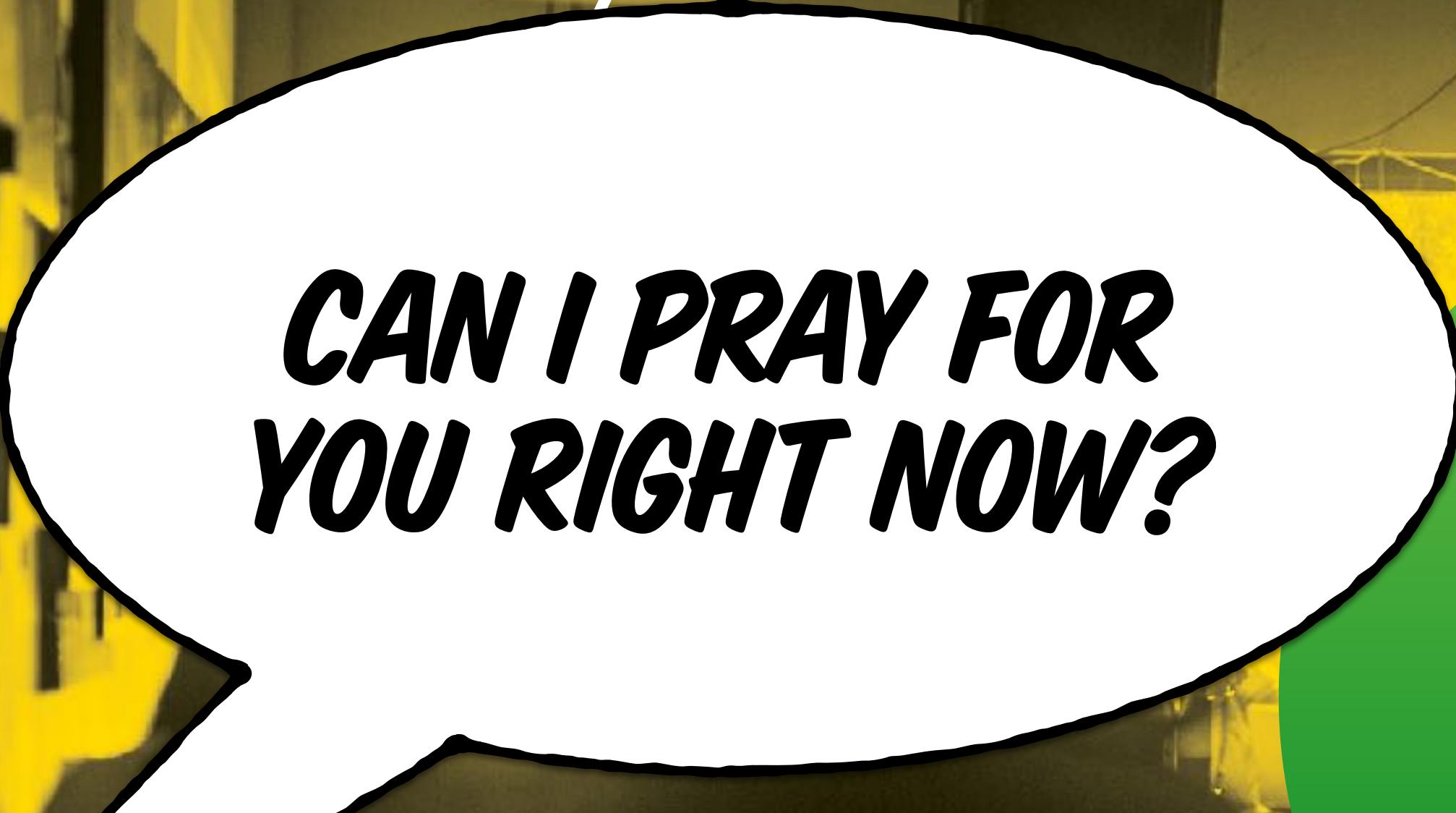


CONTINUING WHAT JESUS STARTED

Miracles: Jesus is Telling You Something



**CAN I PRAY FOR
YOU RIGHT NOW?**



**CAN I PRAY FOR
YOU RIGHT NOW?**

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**"CAN I PRAY FOR
YOU RIGHT
NOW?"**



CAN I PRAY FOR
YOU RIGHT NOW?

UH, SURE...
YEAH, GO FOR IT.



GOD'S KINGDOM IS
already / not yet
HERE



A man with a dark beard and a long coat stands on a city street, looking down at another man who is sitting on a bench. The man on the bench has a white cast on his right leg. They are having a conversation, with speech bubbles containing their dialogue.

**SO HOW COME NOTHING
HAPPENED?**

**BOB, I KNOW GOD LOVES YOU AND HE
WANTS TO HEAL YOUR FOOT.
BUT, HE'S THE KING AND HE GETS TO
DECIDE WHEN, IF IT EVEN HAPPENS
IN THIS LIFETIME.**



A black and white photograph of two men in a hallway. One man, wearing a dark jacket and light-colored pants, has a large cast on his right leg and is leaning on a cane. He is looking towards the other man. The second man, wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants, is facing him. In the background, there are doors and a window. The scene is framed by two large, white, hand-drawn-style speech bubbles.

**SO HOW COME NOTHING
HAPPENED?**

**I ALSO KNOW THAT GOD'S ALWAYS
DOING SOMETHING IN OUR LIVES, IF
HE'S NOT HEALING YOUR FOOT TODAY,
WHAT MIGHT HE BE DOING OR
SAYING TO YOU TODAY?**



**SO HOW COME NOTHING
HAPPENED?**

**ALREADY. NOT YET.
THE KING DOES WHAT HE WANTS.
WHAT IS HE DOING?
CAN WE SPOT IT?**

What's Your Story?

What has God done in your life through the Vineyard?

Don't keep it to yourself; share what God has been up to in your life. In sharing your story, you'll be giving the gift of encouragement to others.

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"Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away.

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30 SECOND PRAYER

"I had crunched my lower back about 9 months ago and since then I have had trouble standing for long periods. Recently, I asked my small group to gather around me and pray for healing. As soon as they prayed, I felt my lower back rotate and my whole posture feels different. God healed me! Wow!"

—Andrea Brinkert

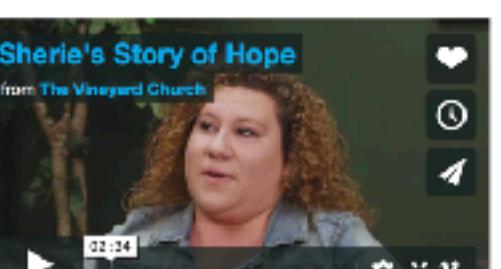
GOD'S HEART FOR US

"While I was listening to Brenda Gatlin teach a recent Power healing class, she spoke about kinds of sicknesses we might have and how to reach healing. As she named them, I gasped. I realized I had a sickness of emotion as a result of being sinned against.

The sins against me from my past go all the way back to childhood. I had no idea I still had them. After I heard her speak, I began to pray for healing."

SHERIE'S STORY OF HOPE

Sherie's Story of Hope
from The Vineyard Church



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GETTING PRAYER FOR THE FIRST TIME

"This past weekend, one of my volunteers mentioned he wasn't feeling well. I suggested he go to the front for prayer during ministry time. He said he'd never done that before. Later, when I was on the Prayer Ministry Team, he came up to me for prayer. When we finished praying, he said he could feel that something was happening in his body when I prayed. I later heard that

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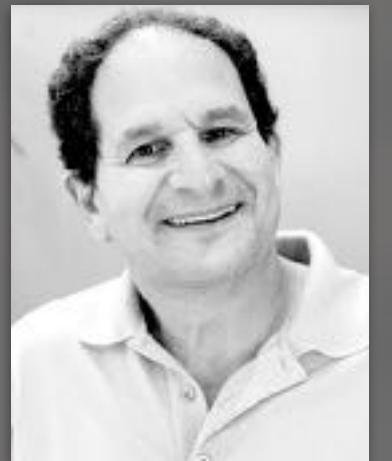
A black and white photograph of a man with long hair and a beard, wearing a dark hoodie and a mask, walking away from the camera down a city street at night. The scene is lit by streetlights and building windows.

**WHOA!!!
WHAT JUST
HAPPENED!?**

**OH WOW. THAT WASN'T ME.
JESUS JUST TOTALLY DID THAT!**

You see, no miracle, no healing, no great act of God is self-explanatory. Someone has to stand up and explain the miracle ... mere facts don't explain themselves. There are always other ways to look at facts. Yes, you prayed, but maybe it was just a spontaneous remission of the cancer. Maybe the fact that you are better is the result of changing your diet. Maybe it was your positive attitude. ...

RICH NATHAN



We need to explain miracles. In the Bible miracles do not, in and of themselves, produce faith. In the Bible many people see a miracle and they persist in unbelief. Just read the gospels. In the gospel of Mark, Jesus does these extraordinary miracles. Some people are astonished. Other people ask disbelieving questions. Others conspire to kill him. Still others are afraid. Others demand that Jesus leave.

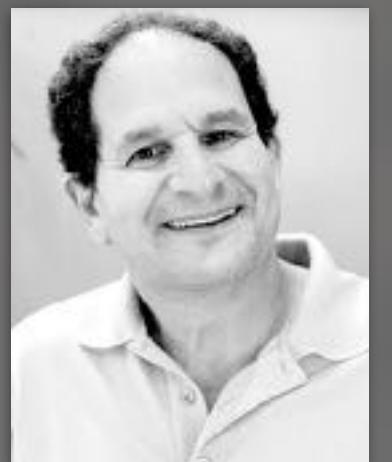
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In addition to healing, we always must have explanation. Always in the gospels we have demonstration accompanied by proclamation. Works of God must be accompanied by the Word of God, if there is ever going to be any faith.

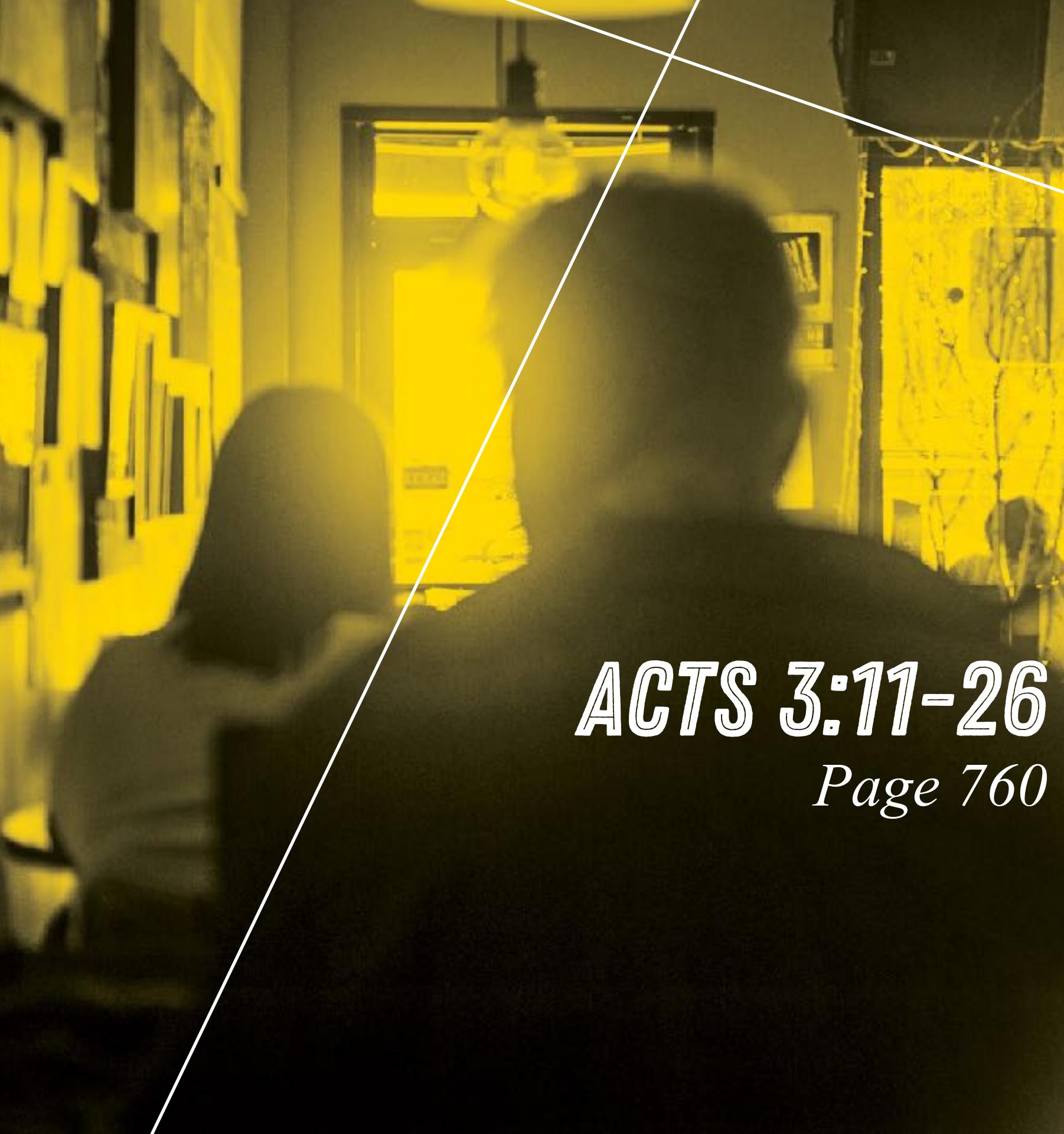
Let me be clear. ... Healing alone does not produce faith to save. I've prayed for a number of people who were not Christians and who were totally healed and yet either they didn't come to saving faith, or after some initial movement to Christ, they backed away and we never saw them again.

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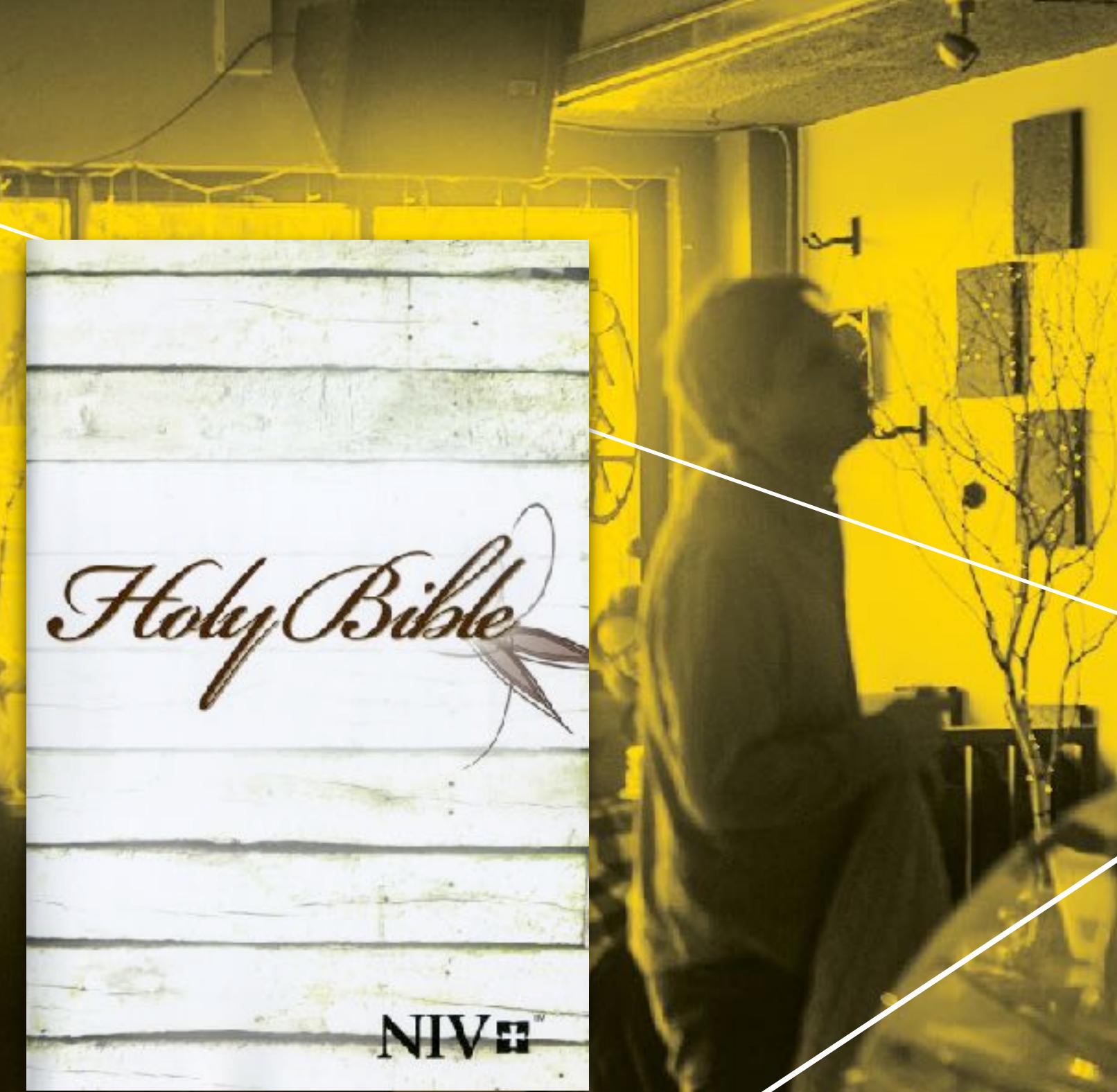


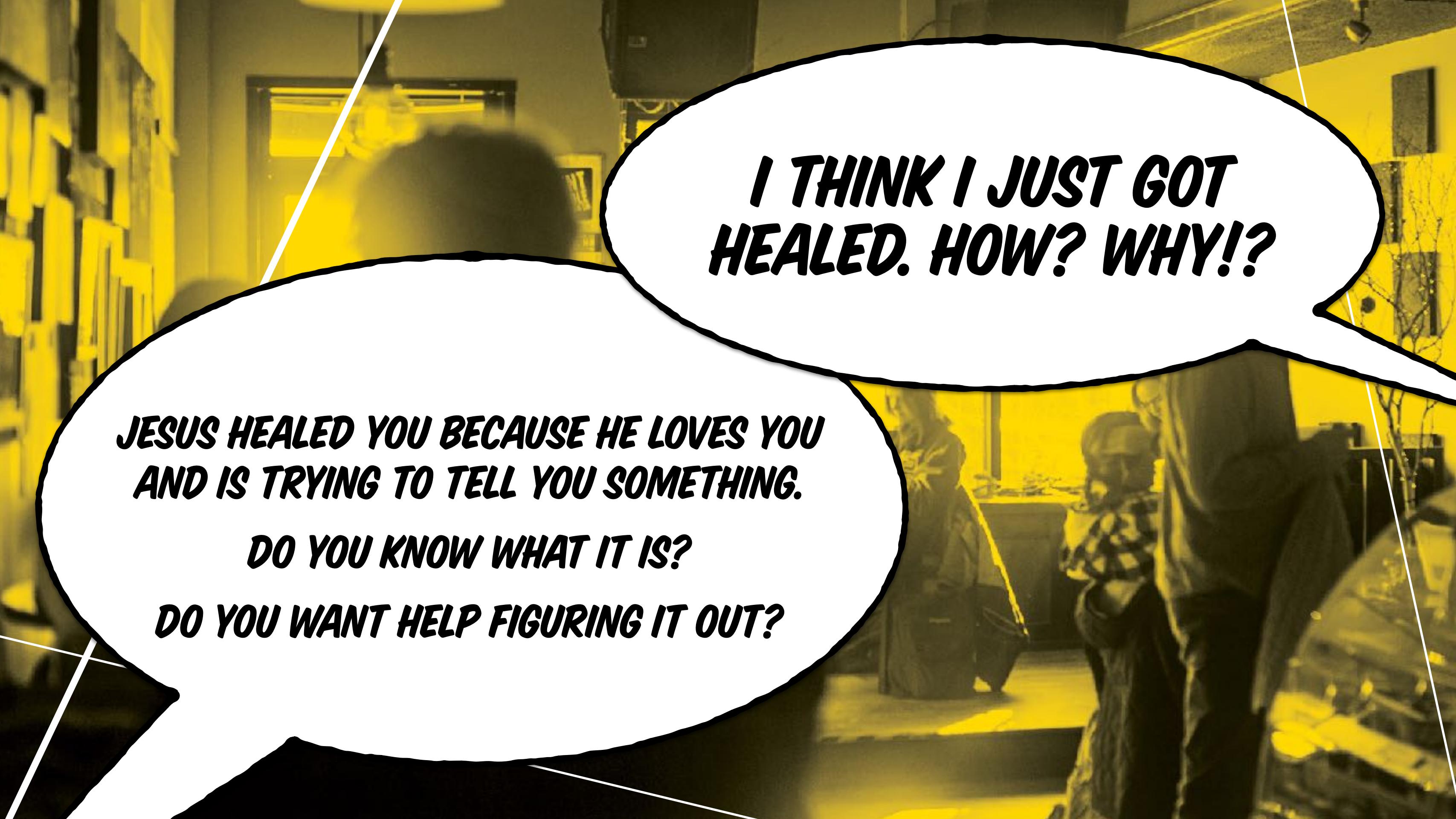
EVERYONE GETS TO PLAY



ACTS 3:11-26

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**I THINK I JUST GOT
HEALED. HOW? WHY!?**

**JESUS HEALED YOU BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU
AND IS TRYING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING.**

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS?

DO YOU WANT HELP FIGURING IT OUT?



**WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH
YOU AND JESUS?**

I LOVE HIM
OR MAYBE
I'VE HEARD OF HIM
OR MAYBE
JESUS WHO?



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Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. **ACTS 3:21**

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He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. **REVELATION 21:4**

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He said to Abraham, ‘Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.’ **ACTS 3:25B**

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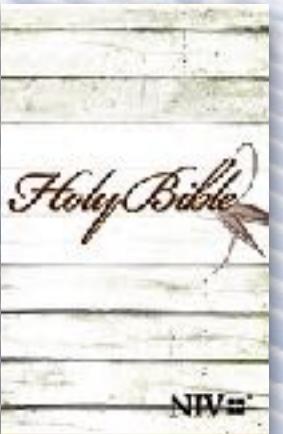
But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. **ACTS 3:18**

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- D. Jesus is the Son of God, the Truth (v.15, 22-23)

22For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. 23Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.’

ACTS 3:22-23



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**WHEN JESUS HEALS, IT POINTS TO HIS
MASTER PLAN TO RESCUE, TO MAKE THE
WORLD PERFECT AGAIN.**

THAT PLAN INCLUDES YOU!

**JESUS RESCUES US BY HUMBLING HIMSELF
AND TAKING ON OUR PUNISHMENT**

**ONLY HE COULD DO IT, 'CAUSE HE WAS
PERFECT, THE SON OF GOD, THE TRUTH**

**EVERYONE REJECT'S JESUS (THE TRUTH).
HOW ARE YOU DOING THAT?**

13b You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. 14 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. 15 You killed the author of life,

ACTS 3:13B-15A

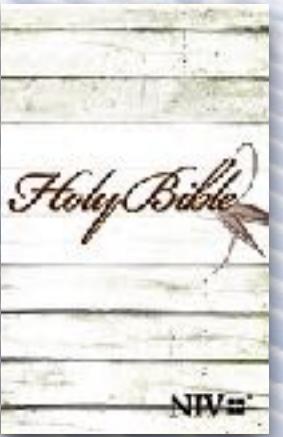
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When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.

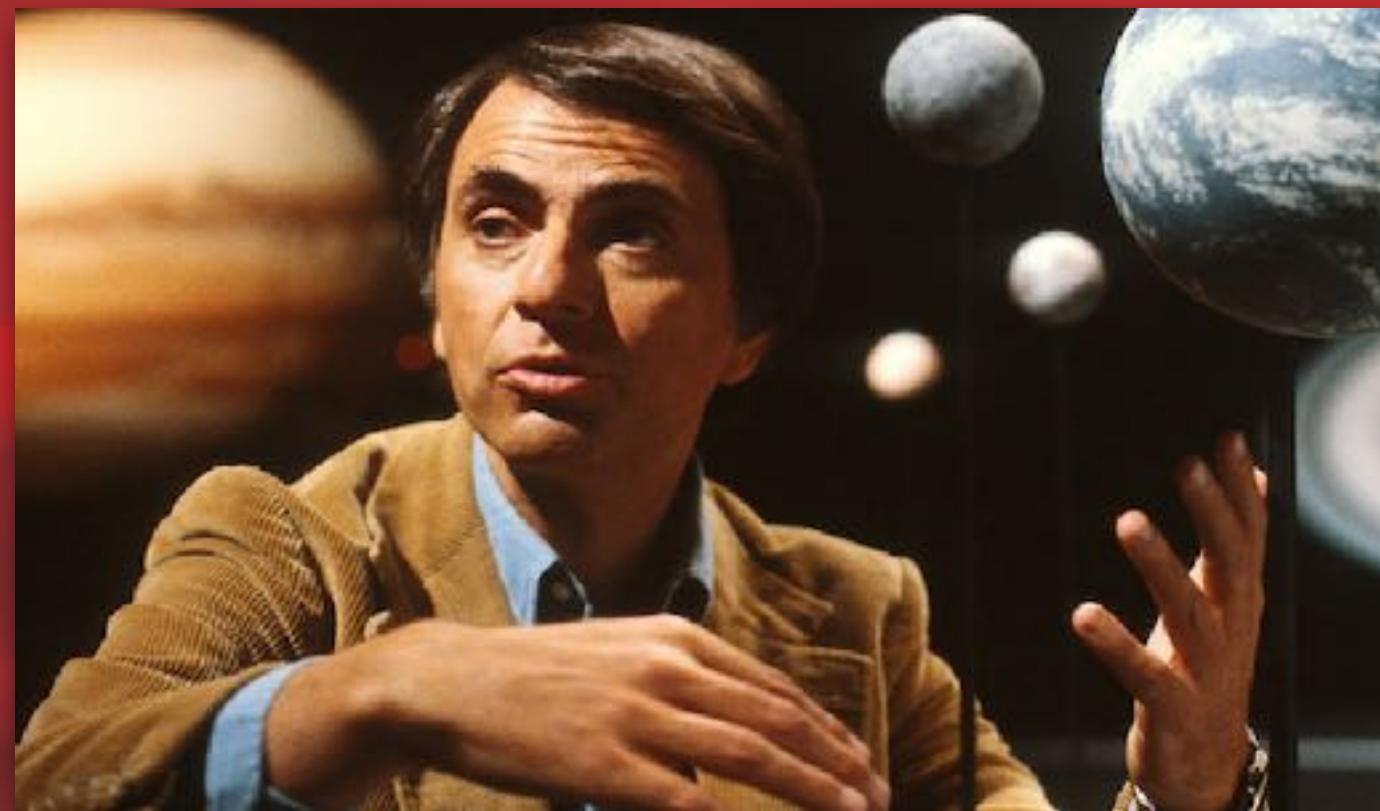
ACTS 3:26



**EVERYONE REJECT'S JESUS (THE TRUTH).
HOW ARE YOU DOING THAT?**

- A. Maybe Jesus healed you to tell you that your sin put him on the cross (v.13-15)
- B. Maybe Jesus healed you to tell you that he wants you to obey him (v.22-23, 26)

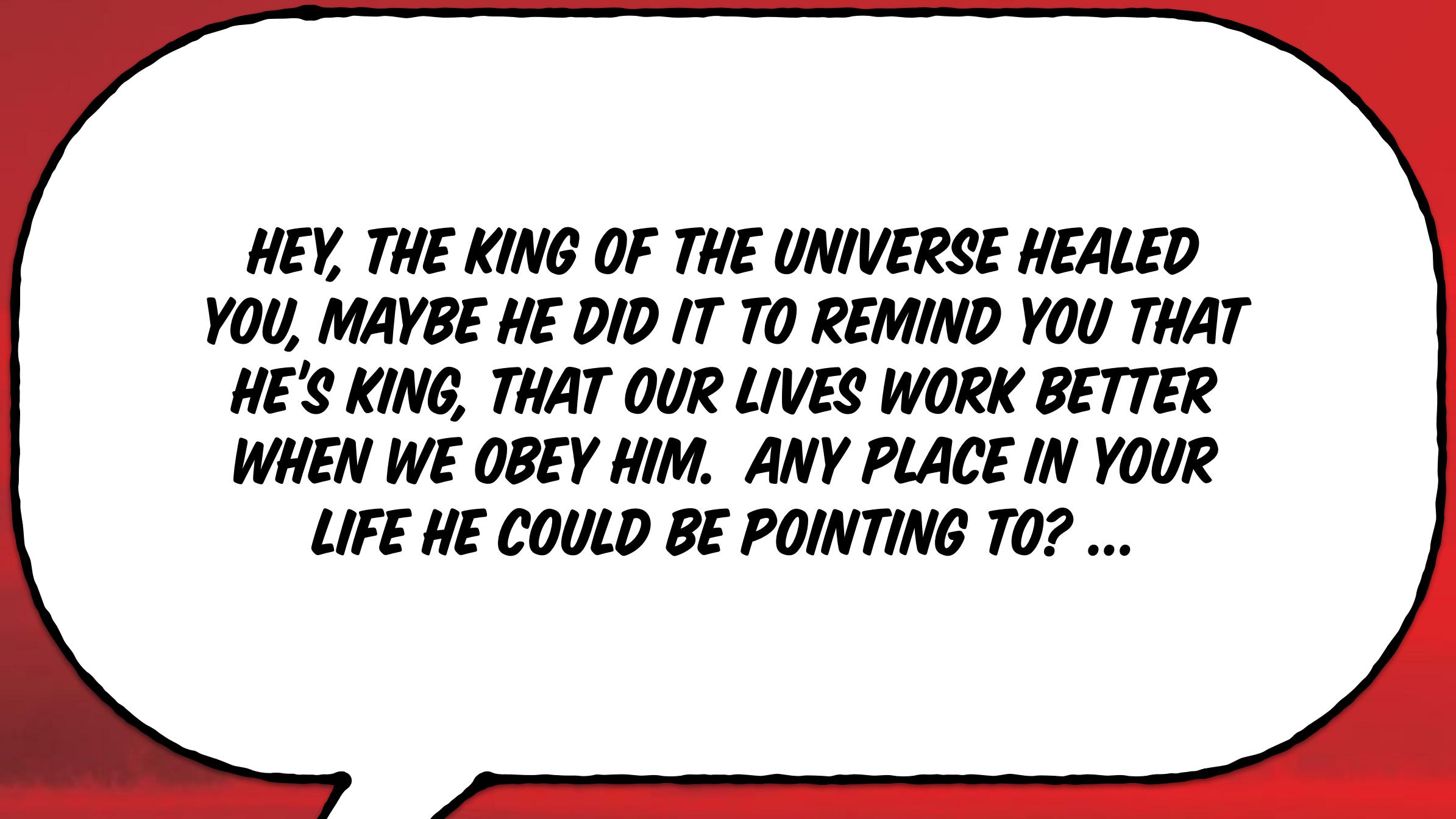
MOST FOLKS IN AMERICA BELIEVE



There is no truth beyond what science can discover in the natural world.



There is truth, but truth is subjective to whatever makes sense to you.



**HEY, THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE HEALED
YOU, MAYBE HE DID IT TO REMIND YOU THAT
HE'S KING, THAT OUR LIVES WORK BETTER
WHEN WE OBEY HIM. ANY PLACE IN YOUR
LIFE HE COULD BE POINTING TO? ...**

WANT IN ON FOLLOWING JESUS?

- A. It takes Faith in Jesus (v.16)
- B. It takes Repentance (v.19)

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, **ACTS 3:19**

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Jesus, I believe that you are the son of God, that you want to rescue me, so much so that you humbled yourself and died on the cross for my sins, went to hell in my place, and then rose again proving it's all true. I give up on trying to be good enough on my own, trying to rescue myself. I surrender to you, Jesus. I turn away, I repent of everything I've made more important than you. And, I say that you are my king, I want you in charge of my life. Thank you for loving me. I'm yours. Amen.

Jesus, I believe that you are the son of God, that much so that you humbled yourself and died on to hell in my place, and then rose again providing trying to be good enough on my own, trying to you, Jesus. I turn away, I repent of everything than you. And, I say that you are my king, I Thank you for loving me. I'm yours. Amen

