

- 1) Everyone who knew Christ personally had a story
- 2) Everyone who knew Christ personally was convinced His story had changed their story forever
- 3) Everyone who knew Christ personally was also convinced that my story could be changed by doing what they had done.

Everyone who reached out to Christ in faith had their story changed forever by Him!

A rejected leper received healing and restoration.

Mark 1:40-44 – “A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. “If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean,” he said. Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” Instantly the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed.”

A woman with an incurable disease received miraculous healing and hope for the rest of her life.

Matthew 9:20-22 – “Just then a woman who had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding came up behind him. She touched the fringe of his robe, for she thought, “If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed.” Jesus turned around, and when he saw her he said, “Daughter, be encouraged! Your faith has made you well.” And the woman was healed at that moment.”

A persistent blind man received His sight.

Luke 18:35-43 – “As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind beggar was sitting beside the road. When he heard the noise of a crowd going past, he asked what was happening. They told him that Jesus the Nazarene was going by. So he began shouting, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” “Be quiet!” the people in front yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” When Jesus heard him, he stopped and ordered that the man be brought to him. As the man came near, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” “Lord,” he said, “I want to see!” And Jesus said, “All right, receive your sight! Your faith has healed you.” Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus, praising God. And all who saw it praised God, too.”

A dying, undeserving thief received forgiveness and eternal life.

Luke 23:39-43 – “One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!” But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Every person that reached out to Christ in faith received something that changed them and their story forever.

2 Corinthians 5:17 – “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”

Peace: In Christ, I know I am completely forgiven, loved unconditionally and eternally secure all because He died to purchase my priceless salvation.

Ephesians 2:13-14 – “But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ. For Christ himself has brought peace to us.”

Colossians 1:19-20 – “For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ’s blood on the cross.”

John 10:27-28 – “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me.”

Power: In Christ, I know I can receive all the power I need to live a life that pleases Him, blesses others and bring deep fulfillment to me.

Philippians 4:13 – “For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”

Romans 8:11 – “The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.”

Purpose: In Christ, I know I was made by Him on purpose for an amazing purpose that He will lead me to fulfill for His glory.

Jeremiah 29:11 – “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”
Ephesians 2:10 – “For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

Presence: In Christ, I know I can walk through every trial and challenge this life holds because He will be with me and give me everything I need to overcome them.

Hebrews 13:5b-6 – “For God has said, “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you. So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?”

Christ’s Peace, Power, Purpose and Presence are available to anyone who reaches out to Him in faith!

Romans 8:32 – “Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won’t he also give us everything else?”

Romans 10:9,11 – “That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.”