

LEAVING LAMENESS BEHIND

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SCRIPTURE

[Psalm 119:1-8](#); [Acts 3:1-10](#); [Romans 10:15](#); [Ecclesiastes 3:11](#); [John 10:9-10 \(NIV\)](#)

KEY POINTS

- God desires to transform us from the inside out, moving beyond superficial changes.
- We often ask for the wrong things, missing what God truly wants to do in our lives.
- Repentance leads to times of refreshing from the Lord.
- True transformation comes through Jesus Christ, the "Beautiful Gate" through which we enter into new life.
- Our spiritual lameness can be healed by the power of Christ.
- We need to be open and expectant for God's work in our lives.
- True transformation often requires us to rely on God's strength, not our own.
- God makes everything beautiful in His time, even our past mistakes and struggles.

DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever experienced God giving you something different (and better) than what you initially asked for?
2. What are some worldly attitudes or behaviors you struggle to let go of in your Christian walk?
3. Why is repentance so important, and what does it look like in practical terms?
4. In what area of your life do you feel you might be spiritually "lame" or struggling to walk fully with Christ?
5. What does it mean to you to have "eternity in your heart" as mentioned from Ecclesiastes 3:11?

APPLICATION

1. Identify one area in your life where you've been "asking amiss" or focusing on the wrong things. How can you shift your perspective to align with God's desires?
2. Choose one "lame" area in your spiritual life and commit to taking a step towards healing or growth in that area.
3. Memorize John 10:9-10 and reflect on its meaning throughout the week.

PRAYER

Thank God for His transformative power and ask for the courage to walk through the "beautiful gate" of Christ in all areas of life. Pray for each other's specific areas of needed growth or change.