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Dear Parishioners of Christ on the Mountain,

In today's first reading from Acts of the Apostles 3:11-26, we hear the account of Peter addressing the people after Peter and John had cured a crippled man. The cured man was clinging to Peter and John and people hurried towards them in amazement. Peter does not take credit for the cure of the man. He says "Why do you look so intently at us as if we had made him walk by our own power and piety?" This is the great temptation for us. We think sometimes that it is by our own power and piety that things get done but that is a lie. God is always behind the good things that get done.

Peter tells the people that it was Jesus the servant of God, the author of life, who was put to death and God raised from the dead, who cured the man. It is He who heals. It is Jesus who makes the good in life happen. We cooperate with His power but He is the author of life. This acknowledgement is important to keep things in perspective. Jesus will grant us times of refreshment when we receive Him as the Lord of our lives.

In the Spirit of the Resurrection.

Fr. David