

The Boy, the People, and the Miracle

The Gospel in Motion

[Acts 20:7-12](#)

In this passage, Paul has been in Troas for seven days, and is gathered with friends for one last evening together. On this particular night, they are on the third floor of building and Paul is “holding a discussion with them” that goes “until midnight.” A young man named Eutychus, who is sitting in the window, falls asleep and tumbles out of the window to his death. After running downstairs and throwing himself on the boy, the boy is healed, and they return upstairs to break bread. There are lessons we can learn from the boy, the community, and the miracle of healing in this story.

Eutychus: his sleepiness is the most relatable thing about him, and is part of being human. He teaches us the importance of positioning ourselves wisely so when we do get tired, we do not crash and burn. **Do you have a safety net of at least 2-3 people who can catch you when you fall or can sense when you are wobbly?**

Community: was the crowd aware of what was going on? Often in large group settings, people assume someone else has already noticed when some “event” happens. Community is about more than friendship - it is about loving and caring about one another. If the crowd had noticed that Eutychus was sleepy, would he have been saved from falling? **Is there someone in your life that might be a little wobbly and in danger of falling, that you need to approach with boldness and compassion?**

Miracle: the Holy Spirit was clearly present during this event which reminds us that anywhere the Spirit is present, there is the potential for the miracle of new life. Whatever we might go through, the love of Christ is the sure thing we can hang on to. **Where do you most need to notice the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the redemptive work that can happen through Him?**