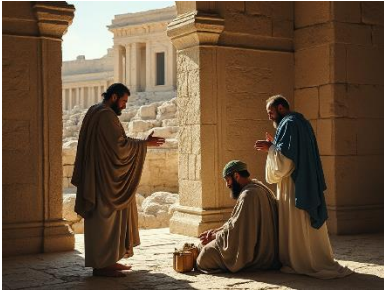


Peter, John, and the Lame Man



Acts 3:1-8 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple, which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple, Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have, give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

The story of Peter and John healing the lame man at the temple's gate is one of Acts's most potent and inspiring accounts. It is the first miracle performed by the disciples after the Day of Pentecost. It mirrors Jesus's acts of healing and serves as a reminder to us all that God can still perform miracles today. In this passage, we see two of Jesus's disciples using his name to heal a man who had been crippled since birth, giving us an example of the divine power that is available to all of us. We can learn much from this remarkable scene and be inspired to follow in Peter and John's footsteps.

For many years, this man had been unable to walk due to a birth defect. Every day, he would be brought to the temple gate and left there, begging for alms or scraps of food to stay alive. The countless people who walked by him never spared him more than a glance, leaving him feeling rejected and hopeless. He was resigned to his fate as someone born with an unfortunate affliction.

One day, Peter and John were walking by and noticed the beggar. Not having any silver or gold on them, they told him to look at them. The man probably thought in despair, why would they stop if they had nothing to give him? However, Peter then said he had something much better than coins - the healing power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, he commanded the beggar to arise and walk. Immediately, the man was healed from his ailment as Peter grabbed his right hand and lifted him! His feet and ankle bones were restored with strength once again!

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father.

The healing of the lame man by Peter and John is a powerful example of the power that Jesus gave to all believers when He said that if we believe in him, we will be able to do greater works than He did. The man at the temple gate had no faith or hope of being healed, but Peter and John believed in the power of Jesus Christ and used His name to heal him. It was a simple act of faith on their part, yet it changed this man's life forever.

The incredible story of Peter and John healing the lame man challenges us to have faith in God's power even when we feel overwhelmed by circumstances beyond our control. Like Peter and John, we can confidently use Jesus' name, knowing He will show up and do the impossible. No matter how big or small your problems may seem, Jesus is always available to work miracles in our lives when we turn to Him and have faith in His power.

This story also reminds us how easily we can overlook those needing help. The man at the gate had been there for years, yet people passed him by without a second glance. We are called to show love and kindness to those around us - even if it's just a smile or a kind word - because everyone deserves acknowledgment and appreciation.

Let us follow Peter and John's example, taking bold steps of faith and trusting that Jesus will perform amazing miracles when we call on His name. Let's also show compassion and love to those in need, never passing them by without offering help. In this way, we can become beacons of hope that point others to the power and grace of Jesus Christ.

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- **Acts 3:6 (KJV):** Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have, give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. The healing of the lame man shows us that true gifts come from faith in Jesus. Let's share His love with others! #Hope #Faith
- **John 14:12 (KJV):** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father. We are called to believe in His power and perform greater works! Let's step out in faith! #Miracles #Believe
- **Acts 3:8 (KJV):** And leaping up stood and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. The transformation in this man's life is a beautiful testament to God's grace! Let's celebrate every miracle in our lives! #Praise #Transformation
- **Hebrews 13:16 (KJV):** But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Acts of kindness can have a profound impact! Let's look for opportunities to lift others up! #ActsOfKindness #Love