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Acts 3:1-10

1 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

2 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 from those who entered the temple;

3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.

4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."

5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.



Acts 3:1-10

6 Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”

7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

10 Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.



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The Eyes/Vision of the Disciple

- Peter and John saw the lame man
- Sees the levels of need
→ a beggar, a lame man, a sinner
- Sees as God sees
- “Look at us”

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A background image showing a person's hand reaching out to help another person's hand on a rocky surface. The person reaching out is wearing a light-colored shirt and shorts. The hand being helped is reaching up from below. The background is a bright, hazy sky.

The Power of the Disciple

- Peter stretched out his hand to the lame man.
- Contrast Matthew 14:28-31.
- Peter learned faith, then exercised faith.
- The Power of the Disciple comes not from the silver & gold he carries, but from the Lord who carries him.

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Silver & Gold I do not have

- Dialogue with the pope.
- What might Peter have meant?
 - He owned no silver & gold.
 - And therefore is enslaved to neither.



Silver & Gold I do not have

- The beggar didn't expect more than to get through the day. But God, through Peter, was going to give him so much more.



1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

- We use the talents God has given us.

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How many of these do we tick off ☒?

- ☒ ☐ We go together to the temple
- ☒ ☐ We pray together
- ☒ ☐ We see those who need help and who need Jesus
- ☒ ☐ Silver & Gold I do not have
- ☒ ☐ We strengthen the needy & the weak in the name of Jesus
- ☒ ☐ We lift up others that they may rise up and walk
- ☒ ☐ Because of what we do, others will be filled with wonder and amazement and give thanks God

WHY didn't Jesus heal
this man during His ministry?



**The Lord's Will, His Timing and
His Grace**

So many miracles in the early church,
WHY was this the first recorded miracle?



To illustrate/emphasize:

- We are God's agents for change
- Using His Power
- Utilising His talents
- Seeing as He sees





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