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Unit 3: The Birth of the Church
Subject: Healing a Man Who Cannot Walk
Text: Acts 3:1-11

Key Verse: He leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God. (Acts 3:8, KJV)

Lesson Pointers:

1. The Power of His Name (Acts 3:1-8)
2. Opportunity Knocks (Acts 3: 9-11)

Introduction:

The Holy Spirit empowered the Apostles to continue Christ’s Mission of compassionately meeting the physical and spiritual needs of those on the margin of society. How crippled were we before coming to know the Power of Jesus Christ in our life? Sin kept us outside of the place of God’s blessings for us. That is why this miracle of healing in Acts 3 should be so exciting to us today as we study the transformation of this pitiful cripple. We need to see our own spiritual conversion and praise the Lord for His amazing grace in our lives, and come away with the need to have compassion for the broken conditions of those around us, who are worse off than just a physical cripple- but lost in bondage of sin and separated from the life of God. Chapter 3 is about the sign miracle of the Apostles, it highlights the glory of Christ, to attract people to the blessing of Deliverance from Sin.

Pointer #1: The Power of His Name (Acts 3:1-8)

There is power in the name of Jesus. His name represents authority and authority represents power. The power of God for salvation is available by faith in the that name, JESUS. His name Jesus performs signs and wonders, and sets the captives free. Looking at two points here in verses (1-8) **First**, we have “**Partnership in Ministry**”- Peter and John going up to the temple at the ninth hour, which is 3pm, the time for the evening sacrifice and prayer. The Jews had 3 times of prayer through out the day, here Peter and John are often found together in Scripture. They were partners in fishing business (Luke 5:10) they prepared the last Passover for Jesus (Luke 22:8) They ran to the tomb on the first Easter Sunday morning (John 20:3,4) and they ministered to the Samaritans, who believed of Jesus Christ (Acts 8:14). Not long along ago, on the day of Pentecost, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Apostles were no longer competing for greatness, but were at last working for faith faithfully together to build the church of God. Psalms 133 – Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren and sisters to dwell together in unity. **Second**

point,” Account of the Dis-abled Man’s Healing” When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he began asking them for alms, he called out to them, to get their attention. This man was around 40 years old, whom they brought daily and sat down at the gate called Beautiful. This particular gate was identified by some as the eastern gate, made of bronze, brass and gold, that sparkled as the sun would shine, but today by God’s design- expecting a monetary aid, he would soon discover that what he would receive would exceed his greatest expectation. The prerequisite of healing is compassion and mercy extended. Peter and John fixed his gaze upon them and said, “Look on Us” and he began to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. The power of healing is the authority and power of Jesus Christ, but Peter said-I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you, in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazarene – WALK! And taking him by the right hand, he raised him up, and immediately his feet, and his ankles were strengthened. This proof of genuine healing, this lame man, now, completely restored to full health and functioning, with a leap, he stood upright and began to walk, emotional and spiritual rejoicing, gave full participation in” Worship and Praise “and entered the temple with Peter and John, walking, leaping and praising God. How can we not praise Him for all that he’s done, doing, and going to do for us?

Pointer #2: Opportunity Knocks (Acts 3:9-11)

How the people that were eye-witnesses of this miracle were influenced by it. They were entirely satisfied in the truth of the miracle – they knew it was he that sat “daily” begging at the beautiful gate of the temple, and now they see him walking and praising God, he was now a loud in praising God as he had been in begging for alms. They were astonished at it; they were filled with wonders and amazement, greatly wondering. God purpose for the Apostles ability to perform miracles was to be signs that attracted people’s attention, so that the gospel could be proclaimed to them. The beggar’s healing accomplished this, seeing the man clinging to Peter and John, got the people attention and drew them to Solomon’s porch, amazed and perplexed. When Peter saw the people get together in a crowd, he took the opportunity to preach Christ to them. When he saw the people affected by the miracle, that’s when he sowed the gospel seed in the ground, which was thus prepared to receive it. But when Peter saw the people ready to adore him and John, he diverted their respect from them, that it might be directed to Jesus Christ and Him only we serve and praise. The acts we do, it’s by the power of God and not done to bring glory to ourselves, but to bring glory to God, so to bring people to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Today, as God wills, believers have demonstrated access to the same source of power to minister to the needs of others, by living righteously to attract the attention of the lost, we can then, point them to Christ Jesus for salvation.