



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

September 8, 2024: 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Followers of Jesus:
See the True Purpose of His Power

Acts 3:1-10

¹One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ²Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

⁶Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. ⁸He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

1. How do you respond when you encounter someone who is begging?

2. Peter and John gave the man something far more important than silver or gold. They healed him! Chances are you probably won't be able to heal someone if you tried. What can you give them?
3. Put yourself on the mat of the man who had been lame for over 40 years. How do you imagine your outlook on God and on life would be?
4. What were the purposes of the miracle that Peter and John were able to perform?
5. The man who was lame from birth received an amazing gift from God. In what ways did the man show his thankfulness?
6. Grab a Bible and read through the rest of chapter 3 and up to 4:22. Make sure to catch 4:4. What were the outcomes of the man who had been lame for over 40 years old being healed that day?
7. Jesus healed a fair amount of people during his time on earth. At minimum, this demonstrated his power to heal. Why doesn't he heal everyone of all their infirmities?
8. Understanding God's purposes and plans when you find yourself in the midst of suffering is an extraordinarily hard thing to do. How will you use his word to quiet your anger, fears, and anxieties?