



EMPOWERED TO BRING GOD GLORY

Acts 3:1-10 | Pastor Jon Collado

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In the example of the lame man being healed in this passage, we see God's miraculous power and gracious provision on display. God is sufficient to meet every need, but sometimes we don't see through our surface needs to the deeper realities that God wants to address. And sometimes we are the ones God wants to use to meet these in others. We simply have to answer the call.

Acts 3:1-3

The man lame from birth was near to the temple worship his whole life, but wasn't able to participate in it. Yet God directed Peter and John to him in an unexpected moment on their way to the temple. They did not have the power to heal in themselves, but God supplied it in the Holy Spirit.

Questions:

- What does this passage say about God's timing?
- What is the significance of Peter and John being filled on the way to the temple, rather than at it?
- Can you identify with, or are challenged by, the quote from Corrie Ten Boom, that "God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called"?

Acts 3:4-7

We see the need in these verses to: a) see past our limitations and to rely on God's power, b) see beyond the circumstances to the deeper need, and c) participate in what God is doing.

Questions:

- Why do you think the text records Peter saying that they have no money?
- Think about this quote from Warren Wiersbe: "Ministry takes place when divine resources meet human needs through loving channels for the glory of God." How is part or all of this seen in the passage?
- Why is relational connection important in our ministry?

Acts 3:8-10

We see that after the healing, the formerly lame man's first response was to worship. And on seeing him, the people's first response was wonder and amazement. And it happened not through the impressive credentials of Peter and John, but because they were simply available, obedient, and dependent on God's power.

Questions:

- What does this incident tell us about the character of God?
- What does it tell us about what God wants in response to who he is?
- How does it challenge us in our walk with him and with others?