

# The Follower's Power

## Acts 3: 1-11

This picture declares the Powerless Life of a man missing the Touch of God/ The power of the Christ/The Power of one life touched by Jesus

### Intro:

This was the First Miracle of the Apostles – Personal move of God on their behalf – A move that is outside logic – Has God ever personally worked on your request? If so, was it outside logic?

### 1. Notice the time: Ninth Hour – 3PM

In Acts 2: 46 – The Disciples attended the temple daily... for the prayer, daily prayer.

Daniel had such a prayer life and God honored him! Three times a day!

Psalms 55: 17 *“Evening and Morning at Noon will I pray, and cry aloud.”*

Walking was a symbol of being in harmony with God... Romans 8: 1 *“walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit.”*

The lame man could not walk in his own power... The sinner is the same, led by someone else, dependent on someone else.

In 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2: 26, Paul speaks of those who are held in the snare of the devil, *“who are taken captive by him at His will.”*

There are two groups of people: those who walk in God’s power and those who walk without it.

Ephesians 2: 1-3 *“...in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the Power of the Air.”*

Notice, he was setting at the Gate but it matters not how beautiful the gate, He was not inside.

### 2. This man did not know what God had for him... He did not even know what to ask for.

Vs 3 He saw them (Peter and John) and asked for alms

The man was not only lame, he was a beggar.

Vs 4 Peter and John fastening their eyes on him and John saying, "Look on us"

We can look at them, but when they look on us, what do they see?

In 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3: 2 Paul said, *"you are our epistle, written in our hearts, known and read of all men."*

Vs 5 And he expected something of them...

Remember, Jesus said, *"verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth on him, that sent me hath everlasting life..."*

We point past ourselves!

### **3. The Name of Jesus ignited His life**

*"In the Name of Jesus of Nazareth, rise up and walk..."*

This man has never walked and he is past 40 (Ch 4: 22)

He had never taken one step...

Hence sinners are a type of a lame man... but when Jesus ignites them, they rise up and walk like they never have before, in power...

Vs 7 Peter took His right hand and lifted him...

Matt. 9 Jairus' daughter ...took her by the hand... (vs 25)

Mark 8: 23 Jesus took the blind man by the hand

Mark 9 Jesus took the man healed of demons by the hand

Let's talk about the power source!

In the name of Jesus of Nazareth/ Jesus stands for Authority

John 1: 12-13 *"as man as received him, to them gave he the power to become the sons of God."*

The man leaped/Now he was set free of whatever the bondage was...

### **4. His walk was now in a different way/it was now on display**

Romans 6: 4 *"Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."*

Romans 8: 1 *“There is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit.”*

### **OUR WALK**

- **BELIEVERS WALK BY FAITH NOT BY SIGHT** – 2<sup>ND</sup> CORINTHIANS 5: 6-7 *“THEREFORE WE ARE ALWAYS CONFIDENT, KNOWING THAT, WHILST WE ARE AT HOME IN THE BODY, WE ARE ABSENT FROM THE LORD. FOR WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT.”*
- **BELIEVERS ARE CHILDREN OF GOD AND SHOULD SHOW IT** -- EPHESIANS 4: 1 *“I THEREFORE THE PRISONER OF THE LORD, BESEECH YOU THAT YE WALK WORTHY OF THE VOCATION WHEREWITH YE ARE CALLED.”*
- **BELIEVERS SHOULD WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD** – COLOSSIANS 1:10 *“THAT YE MIGHT WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD UNTO ALL PLEASING BEING FRUITFUL IN EVERY GOOD WORK, AND INCREASING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.”*
- **BELIEVERS SHOULD WALK HONESTLY** – ROMANS 13: 13 *“LET US WALK HONESTLY, AS IN THE DAY; NOT IN RIOTING AND DRUNKENNESS, NOT IN CHAMBERING AND WANTONNESS, NOT IN STRIFE AND ENVYING.”*

1<sup>ST</sup> THESSALONIANS 4: 12 *“THAT YE MAY WALK HONESTLY TOWARD THEM THAT ARE WITHOUT, AND THAT YE MAY HAVE LACK OF NOTHING.”*

- **BELIEVERS SHOULD WALK IN THE LIGHT** – EPHESIANS 5: 8 *“FOR YE WERE SOMETIMES DARKNESS, BUT NOW ARE YE LIGHT IN THE LORD: WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT:”*

1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 1: 7 *“BUT IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH ANOTHER, AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN.”*

- **BELIEVERS SHOULD WALK IN TRUTH** – 3<sup>RD</sup> JOHN 4 *“I HAVE NO GREATER JOY THAN TO HEAR THAT MY CHILDREN WALK IN TRUTH”*
- **BELIEVERS SHOULD WALK IN WISDOM** – 1<sup>ST</sup> CORINTHIANS 1 30 *“BUT OF HIM ARE YE IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO OF GOD IS MADE UNTO WISDOM, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SANCTIFICATION AND REDEMPTION.”*

THE LAME MAN IMMEDIATELY ENTERED THE TEMPLE AND BEGAN TO DISPLAY THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF JESUS. THE REST IS DECLARED BY HIS LIFE, DAY BY DAY... HE NOW HAVE BEEN GIVEN A LIFE THAT HE NEVER HAD BEFORE, ALL BECAUSE GOD REACHED DOWN AND BROUGHT WHOLENESS TO HIS LIFE.