

God's Power
Church Without Walls – Part 2
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Acts 1:8 (ESV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Ephesians 1:18-20 (ESV) ... that you may know ... what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

1. Look for divine appointments

Acts 3:1 (ESV) Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

Acts 3:2-3 (ESV) And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms.

Acts 3:4 (ESV) And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us."

2. Speak words of faith

Acts 3:6 (ESV) But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!"

Acts 3:7 (ESV) And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.

Acts 3:8 (ESV) And leaping up he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

3. Use divine opportunities

Acts 3:9-10 (ESV) And all the people saw him walking and praising God, and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Acts 3:12-13 (ESV) And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ... the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus ..."

Acts 3:15 (ESV) and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

4. Give a salvation witness

Acts 3:16 (ESV) And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

Acts 3:19-20 (ESV) Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,

Acts 4:4 (ESV) But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Read Acts 3).
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- Invite a friend to watch the service online next week.
- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. What power were the disciples lacking before the day of Pentecost (Acts 1:4, 8)?

Intro. Why is it important to know and understand the greatness of God's power for believers (Ephesians 2:18-20)?

Intro. How does an understanding of God's power bring hope into any situation?

1A. In what ways did Peter and John's routine of daily prayer prepare them for a divine appointment (Acts 3:1)?

1B. Do you think that Peter and John had seen this lame man at the temple before (Acts 3:2-3)? Why or why not?

1C. Why did Peter tell the lame man to look at us (Acts 3:4)?

1D. What would you look for to discern a divine appointment in your life?

2A. What did Peter have to give the lame man (Acts 3:6)?

2B. Why did Peter reach down to raise the lame man up (Acts 3:7)? What lesson does this teach us?

2C. Describe the difference between giving a command of faith and praying with faith.

2D. How can praying for other's needs in person open the door for God's power?

3A. How did the lame man's healing impact others in the temple (Acts 3:9-10)? In what way was this part of God's plan?

3B. What do you think prompted Peter to speak to the crowd (Acts 3:12-13)?

3C. In what ways can you follow up divine appointments to see more of God's power?

4A. Why was it important for Peter to begin to talk about Jesus (Acts 3:16)?

4B. Why is the first step in becoming a believer repentance (Acts 3:19-20)?

4C. What opportunities could you take advantage of to talk to others about Jesus?