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part four




¹ Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. ² As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the

Acts 3:1-8 NLT




Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money.

Acts 3:1-8 NLT



⁴ Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵ The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. ⁶ But Peter said, “I don’t have any silver or gold for you. But I’ll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!”

Acts 3:1–8 NLT




⁷ Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. ⁸ He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.

Acts 3:1-8 NLT




This miracle turns us
towards **God.**



¹³ For it is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of all our ancestors—who has brought glory to his servant Jesus by doing this. This is the same Jesus whom you handed over and rejected before Pilate, despite Pilate’s decision to release

Acts 3:13–16 NLT



him.¹⁴ You rejected this holy, righteous one and instead demanded the release of a murderer.¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. And we are witnesses of this fact!¹⁶ “Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus’ name has healed him before your very eyes.”

Acts 3:13–16 NLT



Our faith is not in some
supernatural display,
our faith is in Jesus.



This miracle turns our focus
towards **restoration.**



²¹ For he must remain in heaven until the time for the final restoration of all things, as God promised long ago through his holy prophets.


Acts 3:21 NLT



Miracles in the New Testament are never just displays of raw **power**. Instead these miracles are always done to **alleviate** human **suffering**.




This shows us that God is
no happier with the world
than we are.



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Acts 3:7–8 NLT



5 And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind
and unplug the ears of the deaf.

6 The lame will leap like a deer,
and those who cannot speak will sing for joy!

Isaiah 35:5-6a NLT




⁴ “He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”

⁵ And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!”

**Revelation
21:4-5a NLT**



This miracle turns our focus
towards our own **soul**.



¹⁹ Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. ²⁰ Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah.

Acts 3:19-20 NLT



⁸ For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!

Ephesians 5:8 NLT



⁵ Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “My child, your sins are forgiven.”


Mark 2:5 NLT



God, in His infinite wisdom,
doesn't give us what we
want, He gives us what we
need—a changed **heart**.



This miracle reminds us of
the **exchange rate.**



¹ While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. ² These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. ³ They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning.

Acts 4:1-3 NLT



For God to use them to alleviate this man's **suffering**, Peter and John had to be willing to **suffer**.



⁵³ So from that time on, the Jewish leaders began to plot Jesus' death.

John 11:53 NLT



For Jesus to call Lazarus out of the grave, He had to be willing to put Himself in it.



²³ Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23 NIV



For us to bring **life** to the world,
the church is going to have to be
willing to **die**.