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Journey Through Acts: Week 7

Focus Scripture: Acts 3:1–26 NKJV

Theme: Miracles in Motion

Objective: Faith and compassion release God's power

Introduction:

There are moments when God's power is on the move, not just in buildings, not just in services, but in everyday life. Acts chapter 3 shows us that miracles don't just happen in sacred spaces, they happen when compassionate people carry bold faith into ordinary moments.

Peter and John were simply on their way to prayer. No spotlight. No platform. No special event. Yet a routine walk to church became a divine appointment that changed a man's life and opened the door for thousands to hear the gospel.

This chapter teaches us something powerful. When compassion sees a need and faith responds in obedience, God's power is released and lives are transformed.

Point 1. Compassion Positions You for a Miracle

Peter and John were on their way to prayer, but they did not ignore the need in front of them. Ministry often begins with noticing people others walk past. Compassion opens the door for God to move.

Acts 3:1–3 NKJV

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who



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entered the temple, who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.

- You cannot release God's power if you overlook people's pain.

Point 2. Faith Speaks What Heaven Is Ready to Do

Peter did not offer sympathy, he released faith. When faith is active, your words carry expectation and authority.

Acts 3:4–6 NKJV

And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."

So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you, In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

- Faith does not focus on what is missing, it releases what God has already supplied.

Point 3. Obedient Action Activates Divine Power

The miracle was not just spoken, it was acted on. Peter reached out, the man responded, and power flowed. Faith moves, it does not stay seated.

Acts 3:7–8 NKJV

And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them, walking, leaping, and praising God.

- When faith and action meet, miracles move.



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Point 4. Miracles Create Moments for the Message

The healing drew a crowd, but Peter understood the real assignment. Miracles are not the destination, they are invitations to repentance and restoration. God works publicly so hearts can turn personally.

Acts 3:12 NKJV

So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people, "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

Acts 3:16 NKJV

And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

- Peter then preaches Jesus boldly:

Acts 3:19 NKJV

Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

- He reveals Jesus as the fulfillment of prophecy:

Acts 3:22 NKJV

For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.'

- And he ends with God's heart behind the miracle:



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Acts 3:26 NKJV

To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.

- The greatest miracle is not walking legs, it is transforming lives.



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