



Where do you go from here?

Part 3

Acts 2:42-3:12

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.* Acts 1:8

Go make disciples.

<sup>42</sup>*They devoted themselves ...*

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.* Acts 2:42

<sup>43</sup>Everyone was **filled with awe** at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. Acts 2:43

<sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. Acts 2:44-46

*They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.* Acts 2:46-47

Spirit = Pneuma (NT) and Ruach (OT)

*One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. <sup>2</sup>Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.* Acts 3:1-2

<sup>3</sup>When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. <sup>4</sup>Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" Acts 3:3-4

Impactful moments are often disguised as interruptions.

<sup>5</sup>So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. <sup>6</sup>Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have,

*but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."* Acts 3:5-6

You can't give what you don't have but you have something – give that!

<sup>7</sup>Taking him by the right hand, **he helped him up**, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. Acts 3:7

<sup>8</sup>He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Acts 3:8

Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

<sup>9</sup>When all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup>they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and **they were filled with wonder and amazement** at what had happened to him. Acts 3:9-10

<sup>11</sup>While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. Acts 3:11

Supernatural miracles of God should attract people to the Source of the miracle.

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? Acts 3:12

The Holy Spirit uses people who:

- 1) Doing the right things at the right time. Acts 3:1  
God isn't looking for the MOST gifted but the person who ABIDES in Him.
- 2) Willing to be interrupted. Acts 3:4  
"I used to complain about the interruptions to my work until I realized that these interruptions were my work." -Henri Nouwen
- 3) Paying attention to the needs of others. Acts 3:4
- 4) Willing to give what they had. Acts 3:6
- 5) Willing to promote God, not themselves. Acts 3:6-12
- 6) Instead of only asking God to bless our agenda, let's start praying for God to show us His agenda. Acts 3:3-5

Questions for Your Week:

- 1) God's not looking for the most gifted person but a person who abides in Him. How will you abide in Him this week?
- 2) Sometimes our schedules are so full we don't have time for "holy interruptions." Is there enough margin/flexibility in your week for interruptions? Will you ask God to help you see those moments as opportunities?
- 3) This week there could be a "beggar" God wants you to see. Will you ask God to give you eyes for someone He wants you can help?
- 4) You can't give what you don't have but you do have something to give. Will you take the time this week to discover what it is that you have to give (resources, time, spiritual gifts, talent, etc.)?

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