

“THE DANCING CRIPPLE IN CHURCH”

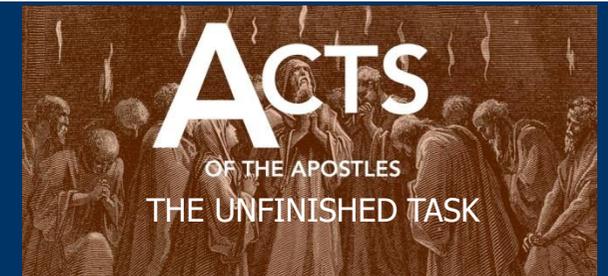
(Acts 3:1 – 20)

Expository Sermon of Acts - Sermon 8

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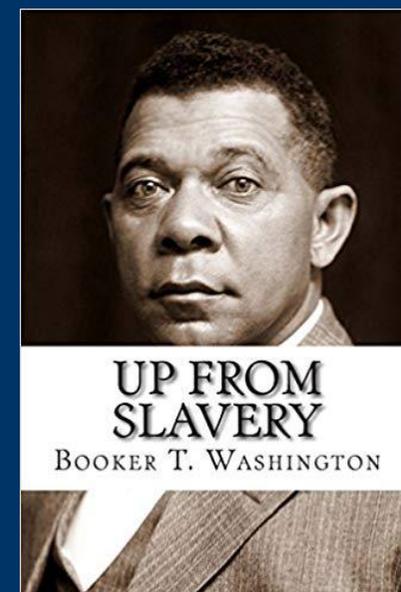
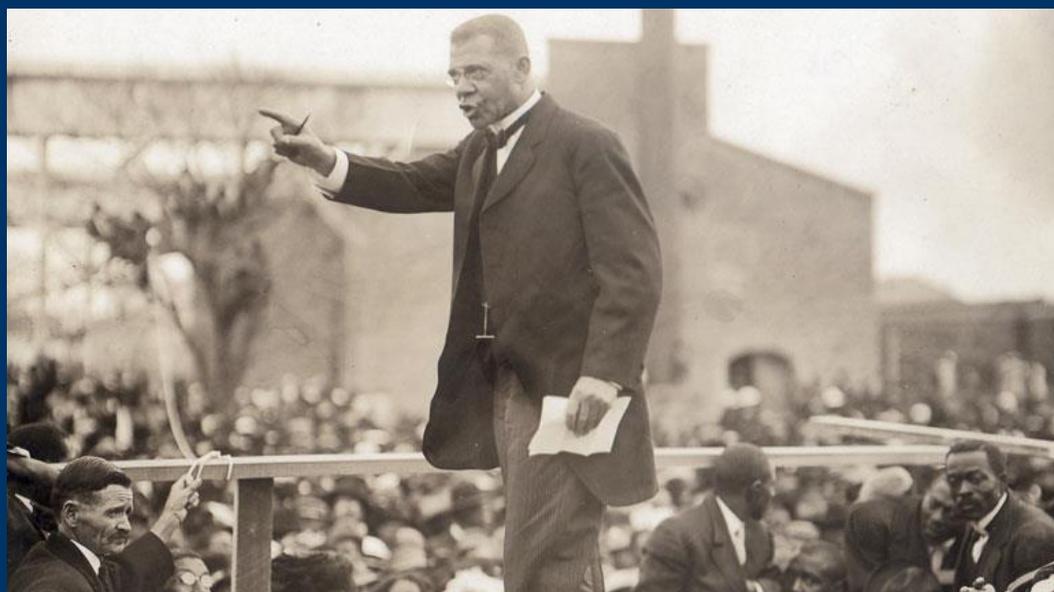
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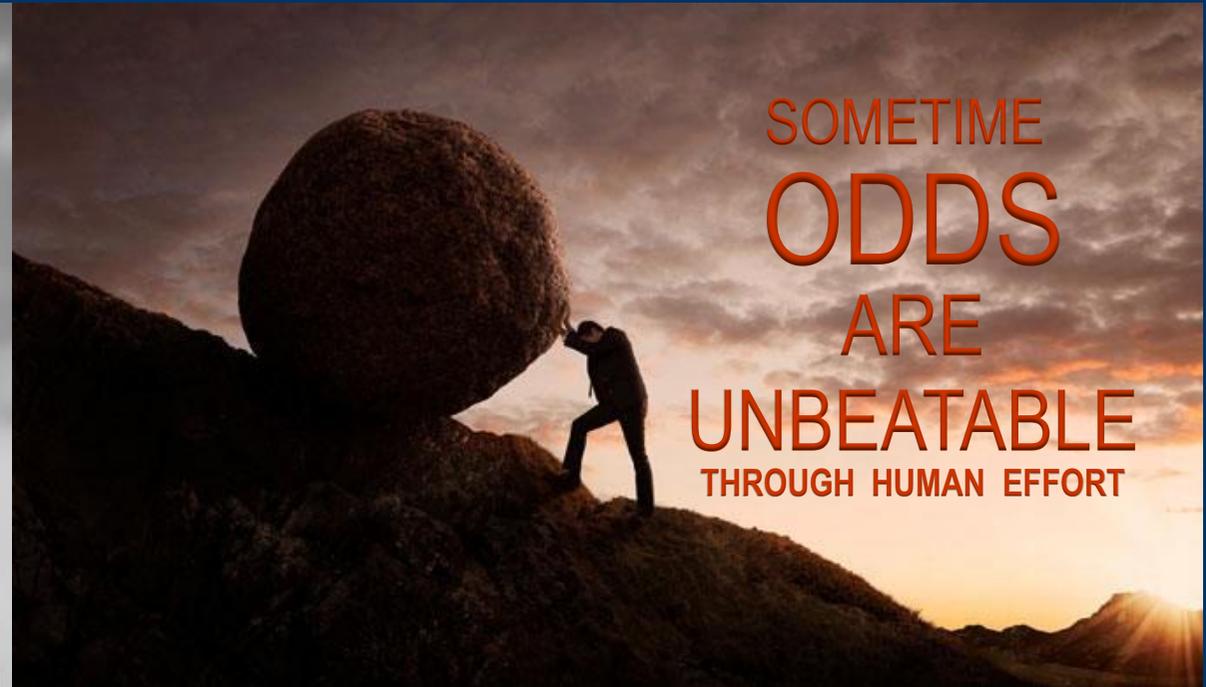
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INTRODUCTION:

Sometimes, however, no matter how much hard work, no matter how much creativity, the odds are unbeatable.

WORK
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The story of a man lame from birth need an act of God to heal him of his disadvantage.



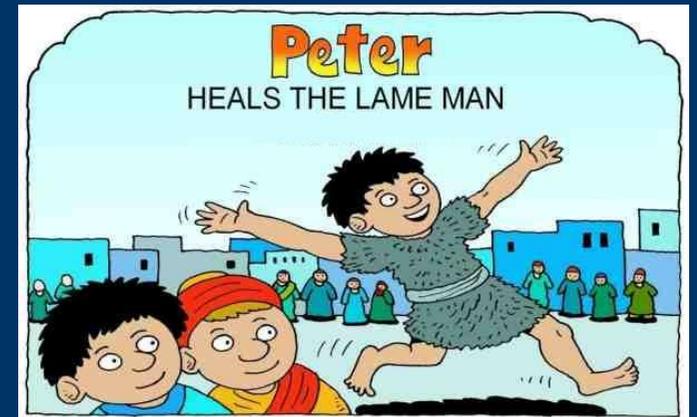
INTRODUCTION:

*Peter and John went to pray;
They met a lame man on the way.
He asked for alms and held out his palms,
And this is what Peter did say:*

***"Silver and gold have I none,
But such as have I give unto thee.
In the name of Jesus Christ
of Nazareth, Rise up and walk."***

*He went walking and leaping and praising God,
Walking and leaping and praising God.*

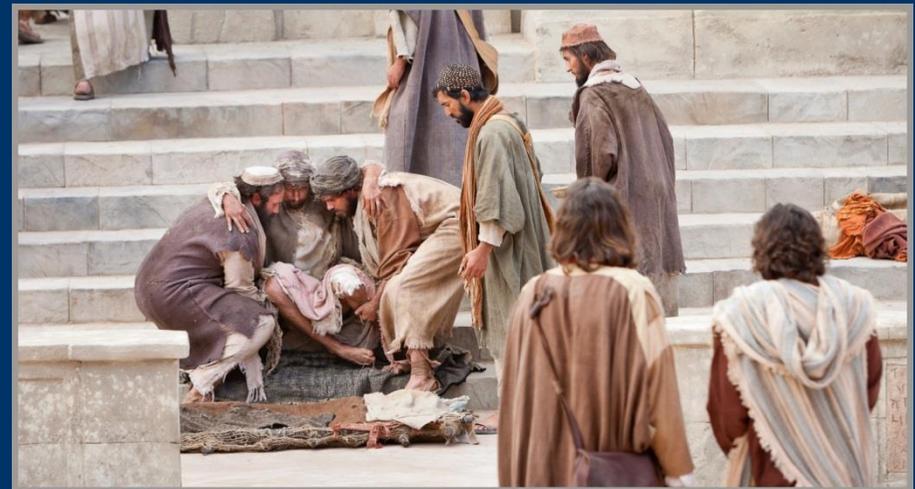
***"In the name of Jesus Christ
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I. MIRACLE OF HEALING

A) *Setting*

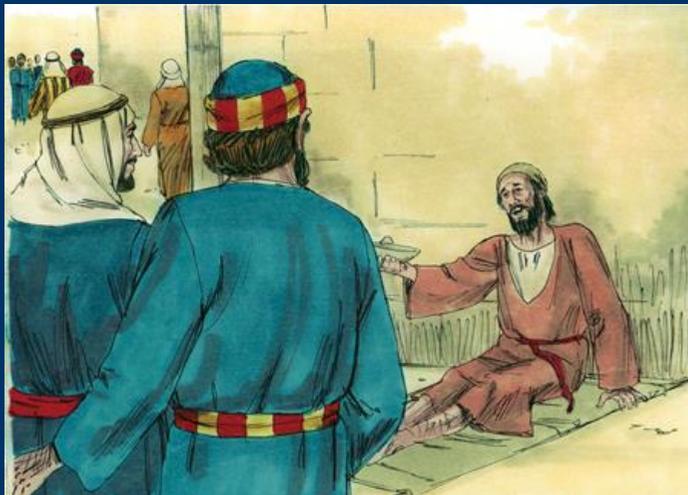
Acts 3:1 *One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ² Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.*



I. MIRACLE OF HEALING

B) Discussing

Acts 3:3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. **4** Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" **5** So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.



Acts 3:6 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."

I. MIRACLE OF HEALING

C) Healing

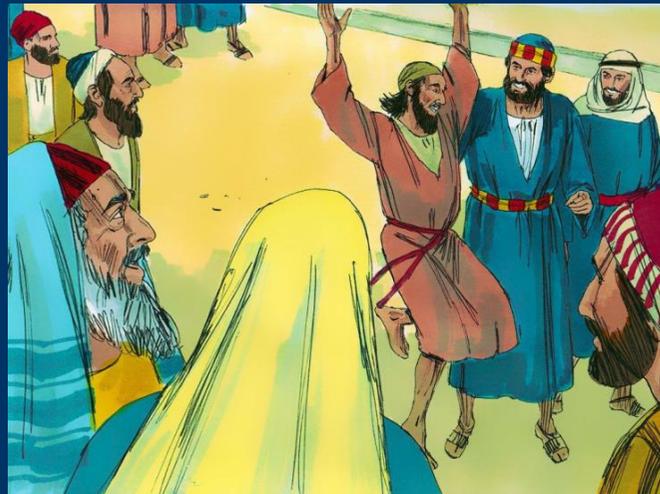
Acts 3:7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.



I. MIRACLE OF HEALING

D) Praising

Acts 3:9 When all the people saw him walking and praising God, **10** 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.



II. MESSAGE OF HOPE

Acts 3:11 *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.*

A) Explanation: Power Is from God, Not Man



Acts 3:12 *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? **13a** The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus.*

II. MESSAGE OF HOPE

B) Declaration: Faith Is through Christ, Not Self

***Acts 3:13b** You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. **14** You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. **15** You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.*

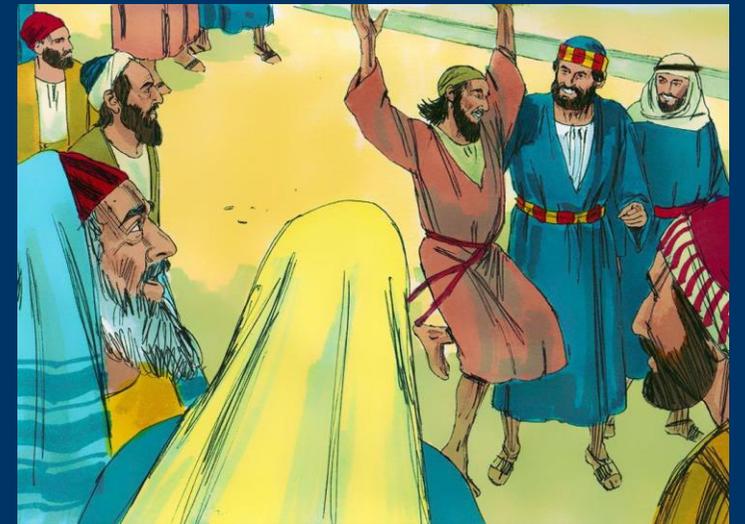


***Acts 3:16** By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.*

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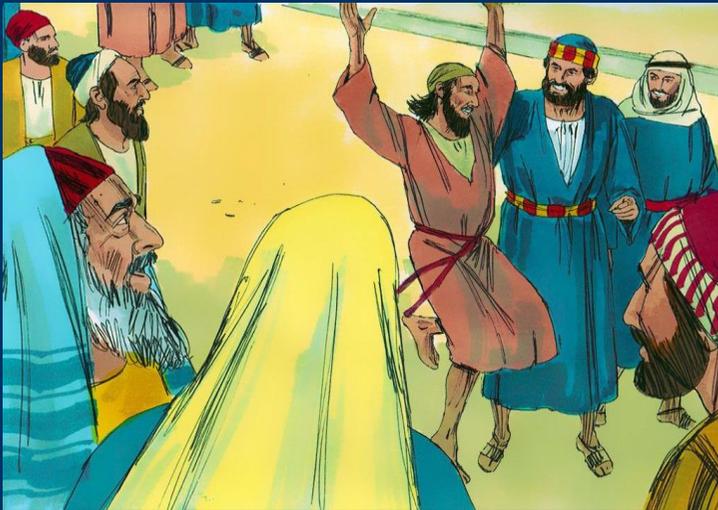
C) *Invitation: Hope Is in Heaven, Not Earth*

Acts 3:17 "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. **18** But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. **19** Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, **20** and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.



II. MESSAGE OF HOPE

C) Invitation: Hope Is in Heaven, Not Earth



What will happen if the people repent and believe in Christ?

- 1. Their sins will be completely forgiven.***
- 2. Refreshment will wash over their weary souls.***
- 3. Jesus will come to live within them.***

CONCLUSION:



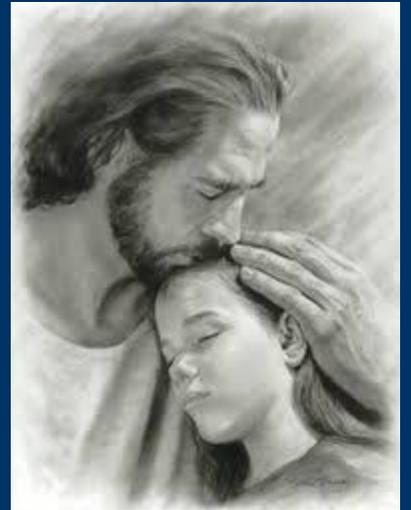
Have you been living spiritually disadvantaged? Have you felt purposeless and emotionally paralyzed? If so, keep in mind these two principles of good spiritual health.

Principle 1,

Enjoy periodic times of refreshing.

Principle 2,

Live each day under the blessing of God, drawing moment by moment upon His power.



CONCLUSION:



Have you been living spiritually disadvantaged? Have you felt purposeless and emotionally paralyzed? If so, keep in mind these two principles of good spiritual health.

***But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.***

(Isa. 40:31)





CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Have you ever struggled with any disadvantages or purposeless or felt emotionally paralyzed? How did you overcome them over the years?*
- 2. What was the cripple's everyday life like and what was his expectation for that day?*
- 3. Why did Peter and John take notice of him when the crowd bypassed him? Why was there such an explosive joy for the cripple man that he danced in the temple?*
- 4. What was the content of Peter's message to the cripple?*



*Scripture References:
Acts 3:1-20*