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SERMON TRANSCRIPTION

## There is Power in the Name of Jesus

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Act 3:11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

As you read this story, this is happening a few days after Jesus died and rose from the dead. We know that Pentecost has already happened. We know that Pentecost is fifty days after Passover, with Passover being the day that Jesus died. Therefore, we know that we are at least fifty days after Jesus died. We are probably in the 50 to 70-day range after Jesus has died and rose from the dead. The reason that is so significant is that this is going to be the first miracle of the church. The church here that has been born, the church that was born on Pentecost. It was born on Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came. It filled, and indwelt all 120 believers that were there. Something new and brand new happened, and something that...happened. That is where the New

Testament church was born, was on the day of Pentecost. This was going to be the first miracle that was going to take place and did take place in the church.

The Bible says here, as you read through the story; and we will find out that we have had thousands of people saved during Pentecost and after Pentecost. Thousands and thousands of people repented of their sins. Peter has preached, the apostles have preached, and the Holy Spirit is at work here in the book of Acts. He is very much alive in working and calling people unto repentance. People are being saved by thousands.

Here Peter and John are. We have read about Peter and John. If you read the Bible much, you have read about Peter and John many times. You will read about them being together a lot. They were buddies. They were pals. They were people—they were in a fishing partnership together. We know they fished together. They hung out together. They were two that got to see a lot of things that the other disciples did not get to see. Jesus took Peter, James and John on many different occasions and they got to see some things that the other disciples did not get to see. They made up the inner circle of the Lord and the Lord blessed them in a great way.

Here they are. Jesus has died. Jesus has rose from the dead. The church has been born. Here they are going to the temple. Now, it took some times; it took several years actually for the New Testament church to get away from the temple, to get away from the temple worship. Peter and John were 50, 60, or 70 days after Jesus has died, therefore, they are still going to the temple. The Jews had three times a day that they prayed. They prayed at 9:00, at 12:00, and at 3:00 in the afternoon, which is the 9<sup>th</sup> hour. Here Peter and John are going up to the temple to pray.

What is so important about that is this. God—Jesus is no longer here on earth. We know the Holy Spirit is very active here on earth. Here when we are reading in Acts, chapter 3, and even this day we live in; the Holy Spirit is very active. Jesus bodily is not here. Do you know what He has to work with? He has me and you. That is who Jesus has got to work with. If people are going to hear about Jesus then they are going to have to hear about Jesus through His people. There is no other way. God has not ordained any other way. He has ordained for His people to listen to Him and be directed by the Holy Ghost and for us to be used by Him to bring glory to His name and tell other people about Him. We are the Lord's ears, and the Lord's eyes. We are the Lord's hands, and the Lord's legs. That is who we are. That is what we should be.

Peter and John are going up to the temple. Now there is something very significant about this—I think—that is very interesting to me. Peter and John are going up to the temple here, to them on this particular day, it was probably like any other time that they had gone to the temple. They had gone to the temple all of their lives. These guys were probably 30 or 40 years old. I don't know how old they were here. However, they had gone to the temple all of their lives. They knew that they went to the temple when they could at 9:00, at noon, at 3:00 in the evening. When they could, that is where they went. This particular day, probably to them was just like any other day. They were

going to go to the temple. They were going to pray. They were going to leave the temple. They were going to go about their business, do whatever they were going to do. However, something was different about this day.

Not only was it different for Peter and John—but I read to you about a guy here that has been born lame. When you read the whole story, we know that is over 40 years old. We know that he has been crippled all of his life. As we read this story, we find out that probably this guy—it was just going to be another day for him. It was just going to be another day. The reason that I am saying that is this. Sometimes in life we think that things are never going to change. We think that the situation that we are in and it may be a bad situation, the battles that we are facing in life—we think sometimes that they are never...going to end. This guy here that was crippled; he had been crippled for 40 years. He probably thought that this day was going to be just like any other day, but something was going to change on this day.

Do you know what I want us to never do? I don't ever want us to give up hope on our friends, upon our family, upon those that we are praying for, upon our sons, upon our daughters, upon our co-workers... I don't want us to give up praying because this may be the day that something happens. This may be the day that someone is going to come along and the Lord is going to use them to be able to speak a word to these people, to your family, to your sons, and your daughters and they will get saved. Tomorrow may be the day. We don't know when that is.

Here they are the Bible says, they are going up to the temple to pray. It is the ninth hour. It is 3:00 in the afternoon. The Bible says...

Act 3:2 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 of them that entered into the temple;

They are laying this guy at a gate. The Bible calls it the beautiful gate. When you read anything about that gate, you will read all kinds of different opinions about it. Theologians, as you read different ones, will not necessarily agree on which gate that it was, but they all agree that this particular gate was made out of Corinthian Bronze. When you looked at this gate, and when you walked up to this gate; it was a huge gate. It looked like gold. It wasn't gold, but it looked like gold. It was made out of bronze. As you read about this particular gate—if these people that I have read about knew what they were talking about—it would take 20 men, 20 grown, strong men to open this gate and to close this gate because it was so heavy and so big. This is where this guy is laying at.

They lay him here every day. Many commentators think that this was the eastern gate. It could have very well been. However, at this particular gate was where most of the people that would have been coming to the temple; this would be the gate that they would come through.

Also, when you read, think and study about this; you will find out—get this—there probably was all kinds of people sitting around this gate, around this entrance into the temple, begging. There is no doubt in my mind—I don't know how many were here, but there were a whole lot more than one that was here.

When you read the story about the guy that was waiting for the moving of the waters; there were all kinds of people around there then. There is no doubt in my mind there were all kinds of people around this gate, sitting there begging. As people were coming into the temple, they were asking for a handout. They were asking for some money. They were asking for some help. They could not work. This guy was lame. He was needing some help. Something is going to happen here that is absolutely incredible. Look what happens.

Act 3:3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

Here comes Peter and John. They may have been talking about the days events. They may have been talking about all kinds of different things. I don't know what they may have been talking about, but they are getting ready to go into the temple here. As they get ready to go into the temple they guy that is lame who has been lame for over 40 years; he asked them for some money. He asked them to help him out.

I want you to think about something. We—all of us—we have people that are around us that could use our help. Everyone of us, there are people that we encounter, that we come in contact with from day to day, from time to time; we have all kinds of people that could use our help. Does everybody get that?

First of all, I want to say this. Do you know what God does? God will use people and bless people, and use people that will bring glory to His name, and bless them if they are faithful in their prayer life. There is no doubt in my mind, these guys were faithful in prayer. Had they not been faithful in prayer, they would have never been at the temple at this time. Had they not been faithful in going to pray, then they would have never seen this guy raised up. They would have never seen God do some great things in his life. They would have never seen that.

Here they are. They are going to the temple. This guy fastens his eyes upon them. He asks for alms.

Do you know what we do sometimes when we see people who needs help? We are all guilty. Everyone of us are guilty. I have said this many times; when we see people sitting beside the road, smoking a cigarette this long and drinking an energy drink; I don't help people like that. I don't do that. Because a lot of times those people have better cars than we have. They live in better homes than we live in. However, there are people that God will put in our space that do need our help. When we are sensitive to the Holy Spirit, do you know what He will do? He will let us know who those people are. He will do that. He will speak and let us know.

Here these guys are. They are going into the temple. This guy asked an alm. “Hey, could you help me out a little bit?” He had no idea what was about to happen. He had no idea that his life was about to change this day. He had no idea that they may have carried him to the temple this day, but they were not going to carry him away. He was going to run away. They may have carried him on a cot this day. He may not have been able to walk for all his life and we know that, but something was going to happen this day that was going to change the rest of his life. Do you know why? Because there were two guys; one named Peter and one named John, who were praying and they were faithful in their praying and they saw a need. Not only did they see the need but they wanted to do something about the need.

We all see needs everywhere. There are people in my family that needs help. There are people in your family that needs help. There are people everywhere that needs help. Sometimes we see the need. Sometimes we know they need help, but something else comes calling, or something else is more important, or something else; we get involved in something else and we let that pass.

However, these guys, not only were they praying, and they were faithful in their prayer life, but these guys when they saw a need, and the need this guy had; they wanted to do something about it.

Don't you think that would be good for us? Don't you think that would be good for me and for you that when we see people's needs that it would touch us in that we would want to help other people.

The Bible says he asked an alm.

Act 3:4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

So, the guy asked for some money, for some coins, for alms. Peter and John said, “Look on us.” They looked at him and said, “You look on us.” Do you know what they wanted? They wanted his undivided attention.

Probably a lot of times when people would walk by this guy, he probably never even looked up. He probably could hear people walking, and he would say, “Hey, how about helping me out?” Do you know what? They wanted his attention. They said, “Look on us.”

Act 3:5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

So, when Peter and John looked at him and said, “Look on us;” he was thinking, “Hey, I'm going to get something.” Do you know what? He was going to get something. He was going to get something a whole lot more than he thought. He was going to get what he really needed. He was going to get something that he really needed a lot more than just money.

Act 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Now if that would have been all that was said; this guy would have been very discouraged.

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The guys said, hey, we don't have any silver, and we don't have any gold. However, I do have something that is more valuable than silver and more valuable than gold. He says, he uses the name of Jesus Christ. When we use His name, there is power in His name.

The last two or three lessons in our Sunday school, we have been studying about the authority that comes in the name of Jesus. Jesus just spoke the word and people were healed, and people's lives were changed. Some great things happened. People were raised from the dead just by Him speaking His word. Now—get this—His disciples, His followers; they are going to use His name and this guy is going to get up and he is going to walk. Peter says, "I don't have any silver and I don't have any gold but I do have something; I do know something here. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth... There is a reason he said that.

The nation and the Sanhedrin and those people that were there and all the people that were around knew that Jesus had died. They knew that. Do you know what Peter wanted them to know? Hey, He may have died but He is still yet alive today. He is alive and He is still yet changing and transforming people's lives even though He died. You put Him in a tomb. He rose from the dead and He is changing people's lives today. Peter wanted them to know that Jesus is alive.

Do you know what we should want people to know today? We should want people to know that Jesus Christ is alive. He is not dead. He is not limited in His power. He is not limited in His power, none, whatsoever. He is alive. Do you know what Jesus can do? Jesus can use us to be a blessing to other people if we will just following Him, be obedient to Him, and make ourselves available to Him. He will show us the needs of people if we will just stop, see the need, and want to help the need. Do you know what He will do? He will bless us and make us a blessing to other people.

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That was the command that this guy gave a guy that had been crippled for 40 years.

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There is power in His name. There is authority in His name. Do you know what? These guys, Peter and John, were claiming that. They were claiming the power and the authority that was in the name of Jesus Christ. I don't have any authority.

Do you know what? The President, if he signs something into law, or gives some kind of an order from the white house; do you know what people do? They obey that. They listen to that. Because with his name there is authority. Amen!

In the name of Jesus there is authority. There is power in His name.

Act 3:7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

The guys said, we don't have any silver. We don't have any gold, but we do have something that we want to give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk. They did not stop there. They did not keep walking and say do the best you can. Do what you can. Peter touched him by the right hand. He raises him up. His feet, and his ankle bones receive strength. Look what he does here.

Act 3:8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Do you think this dude was happy? Do you think this guy was happy? Do you think, as we read the story, we know the answer to this? This guy's life is changed forever. He probably came here this day thinking, hey, this is just going to be another day. There is nothing going to happen. Everything is going to be like it always is. I will sit here today. I will go home this evening. I will come back tomorrow.

Listen. We think that sometimes in life. However, there is power in the name of Jesus Christ. I want us to claim that power. No. I can't raise the dead and you can't either.

These guys could not heal anybody. Peter could not heal anybody. John could not heal anybody. Amen! That is what they said.

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There is power in His name. There is power in the name of Jesus Christ. Power like we have never known, power that we have never tapped into. I don't think.

Act 3:8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Act 3:9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

Act 3:10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

Do you think that it went around a little bit? "Hey, this guy that had been crippled for over 40 years, and we know him. We know he has been crippled. We know they carried him here every day. This guy is walking, leaping, and praising God. What has happened here? Maybe this guy name Jesus that was here, that raised the dead, that

fed thousands, and that cured lepers; maybe He is alive?" This guy is walking, leaping and praising God because simply Peter and John said, at the name of Jesus, rise up and walk. That is all they said. These guys are wondering and they are at amazement at what is going on.

Listen. God will use us. The world will be amazed at what God does if we will just listen, if we will be faithful in praying, if we will be faithful in doing what God has asked us to do. If we will be faithful in seeing the needs that God puts before us, if we will be faithful in helping those needs, if we will be faithful in using His name; in His name is power. There is no power in Campbell Chapel Church. There is no power in any of our names. None at all. However, there is power in the name of Jesus Christ. Do you know what He can do? He can transform your life. He can transform my life. He can transform the lives of people that are in our midst, our circle and our space; if we will just listen to Him.

This guy here; he was an amazement to everybody. God used him. God used this one fellow here to let the whole city understand; "Hey, I'm alive." Jesus is alive. You guys may have killed me but I am alive. I am still yet working here on planet earth. I'm not here physically, but I'm working through my people. As you read through the New Testament; do you know what these guys did? They did some fantastic things. They did some fantastic things. They changed lives. What these guys did all these years ago; what you and I are doing today, which is we are building on the foundation that they laid. We are building on that. We are working off of that. Amen! However, there is still yet power in His name.

There is authority in His name.

If you are here tonight and you need to pray, if you are listening to me tonight wherever you are at and need a Savior; it would be a great time for you to come. Call upon the God of heaven. He is real. He is alive. He wants to save you. He wants to change your life.

You might think this is just another day. You might think this is just another day. You might think God is never going to change my life. He is never going to forgive me of my sins.

My life and my mess that I am in is never going to change, but I want to tell you that Jesus can change your life tonight. He can change your life. The rest of your life can be the best of your life, if you trust Jesus today.

Come and pray—