



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

Thank you for breaking through in my life and leading me into a relationship with you. Help me to engage others who are far from you.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Acts 3:1-10)

"1 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer. 2 And a man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being carried along, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, in order to beg alms of those who were entering the temple. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he began asking to receive alms. 4 But Peter, along with John, fixed his gaze on him and said, "Look at us!" 5 And he began to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!" 7 And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened. 8 With a leap he stood upright and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God; 10 and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to beg alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him."

O – Observe what God has said

What did the lame man need physically? What did he need spiritually?

How does God use the miracle in this passage?

W – Work on Application

But before we put this passage away, let's place ourselves in the shoes of the now leaping worshipper and ask this question: what is inhibiting your worship of the Lord today? What is keeping you at the gate of the temple instead of entering God's presence and praising Him? It could be unconfessed sin, doubt, hesitation, discouragement, fear/worry of the unknown, or any number of things. Whatever is keeping you from reckless abandon and true worship of our God, here's your call. Look to Him, and get walking!

What can keep you on the outside looking in? What can inhibit your worship of the Lord?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: *"And all the people saw him walking and praising God." -Acts 3:9*