



Book of God - Acts 3

Men's Circle Meeting - April 29, 2026

This cleaned handout is based on the Acts 3 teaching from the men's circle meeting. It focuses on Peter and John at the temple gate, the healing of the lame man, the power of Jesus' name, prayer, spiritual authority, humility, gratitude, and Holy Ghost boldness.

1. Setting the Stage: From Pentecost to Public Power

Acts 3 follows the ascension of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Ghost in Acts 2. The church is now moving from the upper room into public witness.

This chapter begins to show friction between the new church and the existing religious system. The apostles are no longer simply gathered in prayer; they are now carrying the power of the Holy Ghost into everyday life.

The incident at the gate is not a crusade, a stage, or a planned event. It is two Spirit-filled men walking into an ordinary moment and becoming available to God.

2. Prayer Before the Miracle

Acts 3:1 says Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. This was around 3 p.m., one of the customary times of prayer.

Before there was a miracle, there was spiritual discipline. The power seen in Acts 3 did not appear out of nowhere. It flowed out of the prayer life, unity, and consecration already established in Acts 1 and Acts 2.

The Holy Ghost does not eliminate the daily discipline of prayer. It deepens it. Pentecost was never meant to replace prayer; it was meant to ignite it.

A man cannot consistently carry spiritual authority while neglecting spiritual discipline. Prayer aligns the spirit, sharpens discernment, and helps flesh lose control.

3. Public Usefulness Begins in Private Devotion

Men who are used publicly by God are usually men who have met God privately.

David was powerful in public because of what had been developed in private. The same is true for worship, preaching, witnessing, and spiritual authority.

The miracle of Acts 3 did not begin at the gate called Beautiful. It began somewhere in a prayer room, in a life shaped by devotion. Private prayer prepares men to recognize public opportunities.

4. The Lame Man at the Beautiful Gate

Acts 3 introduces a man who had been lame from birth. He had never walked. Every day, others carried him and laid him at the temple gate to beg for alms.

His condition was long-term, public, and undeniable. Everyone who saw the miracle would know it was not staged or exaggerated. This man had been broken his entire life.

The contrast is powerful: a broken man was lying at a beautiful gate. He was near the temple, but still outside. He was close to religious activity, but still in need of transformation.

This reminds us that there are people near the church, familiar with church culture, and close to spiritual things, yet still broken and waiting for an encounter with God.

5. Learning to Notice What Others Ignore

Because the man was laid there daily, his condition had likely become routine to those around him. People can get so used to brokenness that they stop expecting anything different.

The same can happen today. We can walk past pain, addiction, repeated failure, family brokenness, and spiritual need until we stop seeing it.

A Spirit-filled man is not only loud in worship. He is available to God in the moment and sensitive enough to notice what other people miss.

Acts 3 challenges men to ask: Who is God placing in my path that I have learned to ignore?

6. Silver and Gold Have I None

Peter and John fastened their eyes on the man and told him to look on them. The man expected to receive money, but Peter said, 'Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee.'

Peter did not pretend to have what he did not have. He did not have silver or gold to give. But he knew he had something greater: authority in the name of Jesus Christ.

Sometimes what people want is not what they truly need. The man asked for money, but heaven wanted to give him healing. Peter gave him what he needed, not merely what he requested.

The lesson stressed that the Holy Ghost is more than a get-out-of-hell-free card. It empowers believers to do what God calls them to do.

7. Power in the Name of Jesus

Peter said, 'In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.' The miracle was not performed through human personality, talent, or religious performance. It came through delegated authority in Jesus' name.

This is a strong apostolic and Pentecostal passage because it shows the power connected to the name of Jesus.

The same Peter who preached baptism in Jesus' name in Acts 2 now demonstrates healing through Jesus' name in Acts 3. The pattern is clear: the authority is in Him.

Men must know what they carry when they have the Holy Ghost. We do not have nothing. We have power in the name of Jesus.

8. The Miracle Was Immediate, Visible, and Complete

Peter took the man by the right hand and lifted him up. Immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Luke, being a physician, gives medical detail. He mentions the feet and ankle bones because he understood the physical issue. The man did not merely improve; he was completely healed.

The man began walking, leaping, and praising God. The healing was public, visible, and undeniable. It was not partial. It was complete.

The miracle teaches that Jesus cares about the whole person. He does not only touch the inward life; He is able to heal the body, restore the broken, and reverse what has held someone for years.

9. Miracles Must Point Back to Jesus

When the crowd gathered in amazement, Peter refused to take credit. He asked why they looked on them as though by their own power or holiness they had made the man walk.

This is a crucial leadership lesson. When God uses a man, the glory must be redirected back to Jesus quickly and clearly.

Pentecostal ministry must believe for the miraculous while refusing to glorify the vessel. The power is real, but the source is Jesus.

God can trust men who do not want to share His glory.

10. Pride and the Danger of Recognition

Recognition can become dangerous when God begins to use a person. It is human nature to want credit, especially when people gather to hear, receive from, or look to someone.

Even widely used men are still just men. Crowds do not make a man the source of power.

If God uses you, stay low. If God blesses you, stay humble. If God moves through you, remember the source.

The power is not in the man. The power is in the name of Jesus.

11. Healing Gets Attention, but Repentance Changes Direction

Peter used the attention created by the miracle to preach Jesus, confront sin, and call people to repentance.

A miracle may get a man's attention, but repentance is what changes his direction. Physical healing is powerful, but the greatest miracle is still salvation: repentance, baptism in Jesus' name, and the infilling of the Holy Ghost.

Even physical miracles are temporary in one sense. Eyes that are healed will one day close. Legs that are healed will one day stop moving. But the work of the Spirit has eternal impact.

Every miracle should lead back to Jesus and to the call to be saved.

12. Humility and Gratitude: Two Marks of a Godly Man

The lesson closed with two essential marks every godly man needs: humility and gratitude.

Humility says, 'God, I do not deserve this. Who am I that You would save me, use me, bless me, or trust me?'

Gratitude says, 'God, I do not know why You did it, but I am thankful that You did.'

A man who walks in humility and gratitude stays connected to his source. Pride says, 'I have this.' Humility says, 'I need God.' Gratitude says, 'Everything I have came from Him.'

13. The Fear of the Lord

A man may still say he loves God, but if he stops fearing God, he becomes vulnerable to compromise.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. It keeps a man aware that choices have consequences and that no one is the exception to God's truth.

Pride goes before the fall. When a man falls, the visible issue may be a bad decision, sin, addiction, or compromise, but beneath it is often pride: the belief that he can live without dependence on God.

14. Main Takeaways for Men

Prayer must remain a daily discipline, not just an emergency reaction.

Private devotion prepares men for public usefulness.

Spirit-filled men must learn to notice broken people in their path.

What we carry in the Holy Ghost is greater than silver and gold.

The authority is in the name of Jesus, not in human strength.

Miracles should point people back to Jesus and repentance.

God can heal what has been broken for a lifetime.

Stay humble when God uses you. Redirect glory quickly.

Do not confuse nearness to church with true transformation.

Walk daily in humility, gratitude, and the fear of the Lord.

Discussion Questions

- Why does Luke mention that Peter and John were going to prayer before the miracle happens?
- What is the connection between private devotion and public usefulness?
- Why do people get used to broken things staying broken?
- Who might be sitting near the gate today - close to church, but still needing a miracle?
- What does 'such as I have' reveal about Peter's confidence in what God had placed in him?
- Why is it dangerous for a man to take credit when God uses him?
- How should miracles point people back to Jesus and repentance?
- What are practical ways men can walk in humility, gratitude, and the fear of the Lord?

Closing Emphasis

Acts 3 shows what happens when men who have been filled with the Holy Ghost continue walking in prayer, sensitivity, and spiritual authority. Peter and John did not have silver or gold, but they carried the power of Jesus' name. The call for men today is to remain prayerful, stay humble, notice brokenness, and give God glory for everything He does.