



This week, we are looking at the sermon Ps Louis shared on “**Rise to Help**”. We will be unpacking Acts 3:1-10.

What happened?

The lame man encountered much more than just people feeling sorry for him. He encountered the power of the name of Jesus. There is hope for us in the reality, Jesus is way more powerful than whatever is paralyzing or hindering you from fulfilling your Kingdom assignment. There is always hope in Jesus. Peter and John told the man to look at them. They redirected his focus from his disability to something more significant - the power of Jesus in their lives.

What the disciples did:

1. They focussed on the right thing, Jesus. The disciples shifted the beggar's focus from what he wanted, to what he needed. They knew that what he wanted would only bring temporary satisfaction, and would keep him disabled and on the street. He needed the everlasting freedom that could only be found in Jesus.
2. They showed the beggar what they had. Before we give people anything, we should be able to give them Jesus. They had received the Holy Spirit who had empowered them to advance the Kingdom.
3. They took him by the hand and helped him up. They gave him much more than just compassion and empathy. They gave him Jesus, freedom, and a hand to help him up.
4. After the miracle, the disciples made it clear that it was by faith and through Jesus' power that the miracle happened and not by their own holiness or power. They were ordinary people like you and I. Anyone can operate in the miraculous, once they have received God and the Holy Spirit.

What we should do:

We should repent in order to experience times of refreshing. God is inviting us to do what He has called us to do, and He will strengthen and refresh us. We can't pray without taking action. We have to do both - we have to pray for people as well as extend a helping hand.

Reflection:

Sometimes God calls us to support people by taking action. That means doing more than just saying kind words and praying for them. Who is God calling you to take by the hand and help them up? What is God calling you to do practically to help them?