

**February 19, 2023**  
**Acts 3:1-26 "Street Evangelism"**

**PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

Healing of this kind was rare before the apostles were on the scene and even more rare since the end of this special, limited, apostolic age. Their miracles were from God and used by God to authenticate their office and their gospel message.

Repent, "to change one's mind or purpose." Repent and have your sins wiped away! Imagine a guilty person having a judge wipe away their guilt, expunge their record and set them free. Imagine having a huge debt down at the bank and having it canceled!

This man jumped up and walked into the temple inner courts, something he had never been permitted to do before because he was blemished. **Leviticus 21:17-20** speaks to this restriction. In Christ even the vilest sinner is a new creature and has access to the very throne of God, meditate on **Hebrews 4:12-16**. Follow that up with **I Peter 2:1-10**.

Look at these names of our Lord: His Servant Jesus, Holy and Righteous One, and the Author of life. Think of the irony, they freed a "murderer" & killed the "Author of Life."

**Application:**

The apostles were simply being obedient to the mission given them by the Lord Jesus. Jesus commanded them, and us, to share the gospel with those He places in our paths. These encounters are found at work, school, and play. Just like this beggar at the temple gate, Beautiful. He had a need. This need sovereignly placed him at the temple at the right time, right place, and in the paths of two men on a mission. Just imagine if they had passed him by. Suppose they looked at him and judged him thinking, he just wants a handout? They would have walked right by the most important encounter they would have that day. Here we are still talking about 2,000 years later!

In our hectic lives with our overbooked schedules, let's be sure to start the day out with pray asking the Lord to give us opportunities to be witnesses for Him. Pray each day that we will not miss the opportunities He gives us, pray that we will be prepared hearts encountering prepared hearts.

If you have a fear of, what would I say? Or what if they ask a question that I do not have an answer to? Don't let that hinder you from being obedient to the Great Commission. This is the one thing you can tell, simply tell how you came to saving faith and what a blessing that has been in your life. Ask them if that is something they need. Do a little street evangelism everyday the good Lord gives you! You will do just fine, where He guides, He provides! **Romans 10:8-21**.