

**June 7, 2020**  
**Willerup United Methodist Church**  
**Sermon Notes**  
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**What I Have, I Give To You, In The Name of Jesus Christ**  
**Acts 3:1-16**

**1. The Hour of Prayer:**

We often hear the phrases: The Hour of Prayer, the hour of power, the sweet hour of prayer.

The *Preacher's Homiletical Commentary* says this about the Hour of Prayer, that it is:

- a. Divinely Appointed
- b. Divinely Hallowed
- c. Sweetly Refreshing
- d. Always Profitable
- e. Frequently Forgotten.

**2. Peter and John** were going together for prayer as was their practice.

The followers of Christ followed their Jewish practice to go the House of the Lord for Prayer. Earlier in life, Peter and John were in jealous dispute regarding their status and position among the disciples. But after the baptism of Holy Spirit, they recognized that they have to be of one mind and one purpose, to obey the command of their Master and Lord Jesus Christ.

Go – Preach – Baptize in the Name of Christ. This authority the disciples received from the Lord. Matthew 28:18-20, and Acts 1:8 They were given instruction to use every opportunity and recognize the needs of the people, use the Power of God which came from their Lord through the Holy Spirit – not for their personal gain, like Simon “the sorcerer” in Acts 8, who wanted to purchase that power – but to glorify God (Acts 8:9-24, esp. 18-19) They were also given the method, which was Faith in Christ.

### **3. The crippled man at the Beautiful door of the Temple of God.**

He had been disabled from his birth.

He was carried to the temple gate which was named the Beautiful Gate.

Put there every day to beg from the worshipers.

He was seeking money which did not help him or improved his situation, may have helped the people at home but not beyond.

**He needed more than money.**

### **4. Peter and John**

a. Request was made to them.

b. Peter and John looked straight at him and gave:

1. A voice of invitation: **“LOOK ON US”**. The crippled man looked to them with an expectation - their eyes met. It was intended to enlist the man’s attention, and was spoken by Peter in John’s name as well as his own. The man’s response indicated that he expected to receive something from them; as yet his faith rose not to the height of anticipating a cure.

2. A note of exposition: **“Silver and Gold have I none.”** Designed to repress the carnal and material hopes of the beggar, to explain that Christianity was more than a philanthropic mission to relieve man’s bodily wants, and to kindle anticipation of something higher.

3. A Word of Command: **“In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”** On the face of it, an order impossible to be obeyed; yet an order issued in the name of One who had all power in heaven and on earth, and who was both able and willing to give what He commanded. (Matthew 28:18-20)

4. An act of assistance: As if to proffer the divine aid, without which the injunction could not be carried through, **“Peter ... taking him by the right hand, he helped him up.”**

Mark 9:27 “But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.”

Know that God never enjoins orders that He is not willing to extend help to perform, and that in seeking to succor others, more is demanded than simply saying, “DO THIS”; there is needed also sympathy and assistance.

(1-4 from the *Preacher’s Homiletical Commentary*)

Recently I noticed an advertisement regarding motor vehicle insurance:

“Give me your hand I want to help/ save you”

Pray for what you need.

What that crippled man needed was not money but healing. The healing of his body as well as of his soul.

What are we giving to the people who ask us for help?

A look, a few dollars, and walk off.

He or she needs the Savior whom we know and worship. There are people who are close to the door of the church, close enough to hear the people of God worshiping and praising God, but did not hear the reason of our hope and worshiping of God. They also know that the church people are compassionate and generous in giving money and food, but they have failed to offer the name of the Savior Jesus the Christ, who liberates them to stand on their feet and join together with them in worship.

5. The touch of Peter’s hand and the introduction of the name of Jesus Christ did wonders for this man.

**“Taking him by the right hand, (Peter) he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk”** He had never experienced walking, but now he can do it.

Then the big thing happened - **he went with them** - with the person who introduced him to Jesus - into the temple courts, walking and praising God.

### **The proof of the miracle**

A. His behavior changed – he leaped up, and began to walk and entered with the Apostles in the temple of God and gave thanks to God.

B. The testimony of the people - they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple, and were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

C. The admission of the Sanhedrin Acts 4:13-16. They did not know what to do.

Friend we know whom we believe.

WE know what the Lord has commanded us.

WE know the name and power of the Lord.

WE know the Holy Spirit which gives us power to witness.

We also know how many are outside the gates of worship, so close, and yet so far. God brought them in our sight, in our conversation and yet we refuse to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church. May we have ears but not for listening. There are so many people who have not heard the name of Jesus.

They are looking for invitation.

They are looking for your hand to lift them up.

They need encouragement to be with them and learn how to walk a spiritual walk.

The command and the authority is given to you and the power is assured.

Reference:

*The Preacher's Homiletical Commentary*, by Joseph Exell, William Jones, George Barlow, W. Frank Scott, and others