

Acts 3 - 4  
An Amazing Shakeup

Read 3: 1-10

(1) Minister in UNEXPECTED arenas

Q: Where did this miracle happen?

\* Charles at Dollar General

Q: How often do we say "I'll pray for you?" Why not say, "Let's pray right now!"

\* Are we limiting the chance for the Holy Spirit to confront each situation?

(2) Don't limit your EXPECTATIONS

> Contrast what the beggar expected with what the apostles offered.

> Does the Holy Spirit offer to meet our needs in a different way than we expect?

-- He might go deeper ... to the cause of our needs!

(3) Make the most of your RESOURCES

Q: What do we need to minister to others? (What's our #1 resource?)

A: The HOLY SPIRIT

> Discuss: buildings, raising money, etc.

> Danger! If we rely on resources, we will miss the opportunity to minister AND there will be no real ministry once we have the resources!

Q: What would have happened if Peter and John had \$\$\$ that day?

(4) ACTIVATE your faith

> Peter never prayed for the beggar – instead he HELPED HIM TO HIS FEET!

-- this act demonstrates GREAT FAITH

-- see Joshua 3:3-4, 14-17

\* What didn't happen:

a. the waters didn't part 1<sup>st</sup>, and then they entered the river

b. the priests didn't walk into the water and say that the rivers were parted

> Activated Faith is not (a) seeing the results and then acting on them, or

(b) seeing no results but claiming they are real

Q: Should we claim to be healed if we see no evidence for it?

A: Consider the actions of the beggar – he WALKED and JUMPED

-- we never see someone claim healing without clear evidence