

# BLUEPRINT

## Authority

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<sup>1</sup> Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. <sup>2</sup> As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. <sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. <sup>4</sup> Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" <sup>5</sup> The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. <sup>6</sup> But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" <sup>7</sup> Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. <sup>8</sup> He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. <sup>9</sup> All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. <sup>10</sup> When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded! <sup>11</sup> They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John.

### Acts 3:1-11 NLT

- Where Are You Going?
  - Peter and John were going to pray
  - The people who carried the lame man were doing a kind act
  - The lame man, from birth was looking at another day of begging
  - Jesus wanted to change this beggar's condition
  
- What Do You See?
  
- What Do They Want and What Are They Expecting?
  - "Look at Us!"
  
- What is Our Culture Asking For?
  - For Hope
  - For Identity
  - For Community
  - For Forgiveness

*“One thing has been made clear to me in this time — Jesus is our only source of reliable hope. Our source of peace. Our source of joy. Our source of love. While the world around us may be filled with chaos and confusion, I’m reminded that you and I are carriers of the hope of Jesus. We are filled with His peace, His power, and His presence. We have the opportunity to reflect and impart the light of Jesus to others around us.”*

-Christine Caine

- What Do You Have?

*“Christianity is one beggar telling another beggar where he or she can find bread.”*

-D.T. Niles

*“There are two hundred and fifty-six names given in the Bible for the Lord Jesus Christ, and I suppose this was because He was infinitely beyond all that any one name could express.”*

-Billy Sunday

- Will You Give What You Have?

*“It is not the Church’s business in this world to simply make the present condition of people more bearable; the task of the Church is to release here on earth the redemptive work of God in Christ.”*

-William Lasor

<sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

**Acts 3:16 NIV**

*“God’s Blueprint is for His followers to live under and walk in the Authority of Jesus. If we try to do things in our own ability we will fail, but when we walk in the Authority of Jesus and in obedience to His plan, we will see hearts touched, lives changed, and communities and nations transformed by the Power of His Name!”*

-ML

