

FOUR STEPS TO A MIRACLE

Acts 3:1-8

One-day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer — at three in the afternoon. **2** Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. **4** Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" **5** **So the man** gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

6 Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." **7** Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. **8** He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

1. **What do you** have **access** to? **What is within** reach or can be developed?
2. **What do you own?**
 - **Ownership** – It became his to keep or to give away!
 - **Peter owned** the man's healing. What do you own that needs to be given away?

It is not what we have access to that produces a miracle but what we own. It is money we already have (seed), ministry and gift that is in our heart right now!

INTRO:**What's in your heart? (Revelation)****What's in your mouth? (Declaration)****What's in your hand? (Talents and resources)****Watch it walk! (Activity of God)**

Do not focus on what is wrong too long. Look past what is not there and see what is there in the spirit!

A. What's in your heart? "The Revelation"

- Out of the heart flow the issues of your heart

Prov 4:23

²³ Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

- That the eyes of your heart may be enlightened

Eph 1:18-21

¹⁸ I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ²⁰ which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Let there be light: **everything begins with new revelation**

a. God starts with a seed (he gives to the sower)

In the first process God built it all without man but once He made man, and made man the steward, He now works through man.

b. God works through a man (Adam, Abraham, Moses, Jesus)

c. God Builds and gives his plan/vision to a man first:

- **In our lineage**; what we were raised up in and inherited...(natural seed)
- **From the Spirit**; what He has given to us...(spiritual Seed)

d. We own the seed

Scripture says; He gives seed to the sower

- It's ours to receive or reject, if we reject it He will bypass us and move on to someone else.

Example: *Eli lost it... to Samuel; Saul lost it... to David*

Until the seed is planted into the process the fruit/purpose can't come

What is God putting in your heart? What can you see that no one else can? What do you own?

B. What's in your mouth?

- **Prophecy it:** declare and proclaim it; like Ezekiel and the bones
- **Release it by your words: Joseph**
- **Commit to it: put your name and reputation on the line**
- **Tell it:** reveal the promise like Nehemiah, and others will catch it.
- **Abraham:** spoke those things...
- **Zachariah:** mouth was shut so he couldn't hinder what God had put in his heart

C. What's in your hand?

- Get dirty
- Lift, it up with you own strength, talents, personal resources, and God given ability!

Plan it, organize it, pull it up – *don't just stand there, do something!*

Nehemiah: Go to the wall and start building!

Going into the wilderness God divided the Sea and destroyed the enemy before they entered, going into the promise they had to take the first step.

God helps us get out but we must take the first step into...

D. Watch it walk: the miracle!

Peter did not start the church in Samaria he followed it, then to Lydda, and Joppa, and so on. Once the miracle takes place you are no longer necessary.