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Worth More Than Gold!

Focus Verses: Acts 3:6-8 - ⁶Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. ⁷And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Lesson Text: Acts 3:1-10

Truth About God: God still performs physical miracles.

Truth For My Life: I will believe God for miracles in my day.

In Acts 3, centered on a man with a disability. He was begging for money, but this man received something far different than he expected, far better than he expected. As recorded in the Book of Acts, this man received something more valuable than gold. The healing power of the name of Jesus completely changed his life when two apostolic preachers (Peter and John) passed his way.

The man lay at the gate to the Temple faithfully and begged for natural treasure, perhaps because he did not understand a greater treasure was available to him through the power of the name of Jesus. His faithful **“attendance to church”** positioned him perfectly when his day for a miracle came. Had he wearied of the struggle and decided it was just not worth the effort on that day, he would have missed out on a supernatural, life-changing moment. His commitment to being a daily presence at the Gate Beautiful resulted in him being a recipient of a miracle. **Faithful attendance coupled with faithful requests seemed to be a key to him receiving a miracle.**

Peter stopped and spoke to him the famed words: *“Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God”* (Acts 3:6-8). But when Peter spoke, the man received a miracle instead of a morsel. No matter what type of coin other generous passersby had given him previously, what happened on that day far surpassed any gift he had ever received.

Miracles are more valuable than gold. Through diligence and persistence, humans can amass treasure, but no matter how hard they try, on their own, humans cannot secure a miracle. Miracles are the homestead of the Lord Jesus alone. Just as He did for this man in the Book of Acts, Jesus is both willing and able to work miracles and provide healing in our lives as well.

When God wants to use someone, that person must be available. When God wants to bless someone, that person must be available. When God wants to work a miracle for someone, that person must be available. We must be active participants in miracles of healing. We must position ourselves properly, make our requests passionately, and respond joyfully.

Jesus instructed us to: *“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened”* (Matthew 7:7-8). If we want a miracle, we must properly position ourselves for a miracle. God has provided us with a church to attend, but we bear the responsibility of doing so. Sometimes the answer is yes; sometimes it is no; sometimes God’s response is wait. God does not weary of us repeating our request while we are waiting. In fact, the Parables of the Unjust Judge (Luke 18:1-8) and of the Midnight Visitor (Acts 16:25-26) teach us that *“importunity,”* or the persistent expression of a request, is rewarded.

Scripture even instructs us to initiate the call for prayer and not to sit and wait for someone to call us to pay. *“Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him”* (James 5:14-15).

Miracles still happen, and they can happen through your big prayers.