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When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. ... You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. 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 given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.” **—Acts 3:12-16**

The lame man who begged for alms was commanded by Peter and John to walk in the name of Jesus. Peter wanted to make that point clearly and quickly before there were any false assumptions. The manifestation of God’s power was not a sign of his personal godliness. The healing was the result of God’s purpose in His timing by means of faith in Jesus’s name, a faith that comes through Him. That passage contains many implications. But if it says anything, it is that the miracle was not about Peter or about promoting his spirituality. It had to do with God and His purposes.

{ PRAYER STARTER }

Thank You for reminding me, Spirit, that even though I am incapable of possessing any form of godliness except that which comes from You, still You make it possible for me to work miracles in Your name.

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