



**1. Squarely** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-5)

**2. Boldly** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.6-7)

**3. Joyfully** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.8-10)

**Acts 3:1** Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

**2** And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. **3** Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms.

**4** And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." **5** And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them.

**6** But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" **7** And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. **8** And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. **9** And all the people saw him walking and praising God, **10** and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. (ESV)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalms 60:1-5**. While there was a historical context to this lament psalm of Israel, it serves as a poetic depiction of the blight of sin in our world. How can the reality of God's just response to sin which has impacted every part of the human experience motivate us to more faithful evangelism?
2. Read **Jeremiah 6:13-14**. How has a desire to be liked, applauded, or accepted by non-Christians tempted you to compromise or edit the message of repentance and salvation from the pending judgment of sin on the world?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 15:53-58**. How do the rare yet dramatic physical healings (Acts 3) in the Bible heighten your confidence in God's promises about the future?
4. Read **Isaiah 35:4-10**. Why is it so important that we keep an eye on the promises of Christ's forthcoming kingdom? What happens when we ignore these promises?

## This Week's Compass 20/20 Discussion Question

- Read **2 Corinthians 5:11-15**. Why does it make sense for us to push the boundaries of what the world thinks is "reasonable" when it comes to our objectives to ambitiously train, plant, and expand our gospel ministry?

## *This Week's Bible Reading Schedule*

**January 5<sup>th</sup>**  
*Gen. 12-14 & Mt. 5:1-26*  
**January 6<sup>th</sup>**  
*Gen. 15-17 & Mt. 5:27-48*  
**January 7<sup>th</sup>**  
*Gen. 18-19 & Mt. 6*  
**January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
*Gen. 20-22 & Mt. 7*  
**January 9<sup>th</sup>**  
*Gen. 23-24 & Mt. 8*  
**January 10<sup>th</sup>**  
*Gen. 25-26 & Mt. 9:1-17*  
**January 11<sup>th</sup>**  
*Gen. 27-28 & Mt. 9:18-38*  
**January 12<sup>th</sup>**  
*Gen. 29-30 & Mt. 10:1-23*

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 14-08 – **Anticipating the Defeat of Disease**  
Msg. 10-28 – **Acquiring a Clear Picture of What We're Praying For [in Evangelism]**  
Msg. 13-29 – **Confident in His Power to Restore**  
Msg. 16-15 – **Suffering in a Broken World**  
Msg. 10-19 – **Looking for the Good When Things Go Bad**  
Msg. 06-28 – **Impeccable Promises & Divine Character**  
Msg. 10-05 – **Evangelistic Opposition: How to Respond to Objections**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. **If God is Good: Faith in the Midst of Suffering and Evil**. Multnomah Books, 2014.  
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Mayhue, Richard. **The Healing Promise: Is It Always God's Will to Heal?** Mentor Books, 1997.  
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Wiersbe, Warren W. **Prayer, Praise & Promises: A Daily Walk Through the Psalms**. Baker Books, 2013.  
Zacharias, Ravi and Vine Vitale. **Why Suffering? Finding Meaning and Comfort**. FaithWords, 2014.