

Stand, Walk, Leap

Acts 3:1-16

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. 11 While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. 12 And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? 13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he

had decided to release him. 14 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16 And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus[c] has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

Desperate people accept their position.

Desperate people give up on their calling

Desperate people have lost their passion for life

Desperate people have resolved to defeat

Desperate people kill their own dreams by inaction.

Desperate people don't move.

Desperate people feel forgotten

Desperate people Know God gave up on them.

Desperate people have more faith in their inability than God's ability.

Desperate people don't feel like moving.

Desperate people don't feel.

To Stand is to launch

- Get up by God's strength
- Raise your head

- Figure out where you are – Self assessment
- Look at the possibilities
- Feel the Son on your face
- Remember God's plan
- Shake off the years the enemy has stolen
- Decide direction based on your knowledge and God's wisdom.

To walk – move, get momentum

- It's not going to be pretty or perfect
- You're going to stumble
- You need the help of other people
- Don't stop keep moving
- You don't have everything figured out – That is ok

To Leap – confident striding, testing what you can do

- Engage your Faith
- Believe in Jesus redemption of your life
- Move in his strength
- Cover much ground
- Focus on His loving kindness
- Be comfortable with your limitations
- Leap! How fast can you go? How high is too high?