

TRUE FAITH'

In Acts chapter 3 we read the account of a miracle performed through Peter and John the apostles, well known to you but worth reading again as it contains a promise for us all.

Allow me to walk you through the miracle;

- The man was lame from his mother's womb and was carried daily to the temple (that's family love for you it never gives up)
- But as his disability continued he gave up looking for a miracle and settled for second best, a life of being lifted and laid by others, a life dependent on the generosity of strangers.
- He got to the point that his only goal in life was to make sufficient money to feed himself
- Religion didn't help him; it walked past him daily thinking more of its traditions than those who lay crippled, blind and disabled on the steps of the temple.
- The only time religious men and women listened to his cries was when their conscience was pricked.
- Suddenly two perfect strangers Peter and John arrived on the steps heading for the temple at the hour of prayer. 'Give me money' the man begged it was his way of surviving in a cruel and uncaring world. 'Look on us, we don't have any but we have something more than gold' Peter said.
- Immediately the man focused on the two apostles and not on his condition, when he heard the name of Jesus he knew that this was his day for a new beginning. Perhaps he had heard of the miracle worker from Galilee how he had heard how he healed all who came to him. This was his day, freedom stood before him...
- A hand touched him and helped him to his feet, all he had to do was to simply choose to believe and receive or else to stay put for the rest of his life.
- Within moments he leapt to his feet and began walking and leaping and praising God.

- He heard, he believed, he received and walked away from his old life, no more the cripple at the gate, this day was for him the end of a begging bowl existence depending on others.
- In verse 16 we read these wonderful words, a promise to all who simply believe and act on Gods word,
- Peter said; and His name 'JESUS' through faith in His name has made this man strong whom you see and know; yes **the faith which is by him** has given him this '**PERFECT SOUNDNESS**' in the presence of you all.

In this passage of God's word is your liberty and freedom to live a full life for Christ.

Your strength comes through faith in Christ's name; perfect soundness comes **through faith which Christ alone can impart to you.**

It's not about your faith, it's about the faith that Christ gave to you the moment you gave your life to him.

It's not about your power, it's about His power working in you, that's where perfect soundness of health comes from, 3 John 2 that's where hope springs from and where faith moves mountains.

His faith will give you the ability to do the impossible, it will give you strength to run through a troop and jump over a wall, Psalm 18:29 to run and not be weary and to walk without fainting... Isaiah 40:31

His faith will give you strength to do his will, to live walking in his will, to leap up to the starting line and to run the race set before you.

His faith, not yours will achieve great things for it is limitless, it is not hampered by what you have been taught, or by your culture, tradition or doctrine, or by what you can see or hear.

His faith spoke to darkness and created light, His faith spoke and everything we take for granted around us, the beauty of nature simply came into being.

His faith calls the things that are not as though they were and simply believes that what he has spoken will come to pass.

His faith is bound up in his promises, so find a promise in God's word that relates to you, apply it to your problem and watch it disappear

Listen, the Christ in you is bigger than your biggest problem and greater than your greatest fear, he is totally trustworthy so simply take him at his word and start again...

Arise today, arise in his faith, arise from your bed of sickness, arise and throw off the shackles that have bound you to your bed or wheelchair or housebound...

Arise, Christ is calling for you; he wants no reward other than to see you healed and free for that is the greatest praise offering you could ever give him.

Seek God; seek him with all your heart for he is near those that diligently seek him, indeed he is a 'rewarder of those who seek him with all their heart' Hebrews 11:6

There is a high calling in your life, a destiny yet to be fulfilled, a mountain to climb and victories to be won; leave behind your own plans, your old lifestyle and 'run the race with patience for the high calling of God in Christ' Philippians 3:14

God is speaking to those who have given up, who have deferred hope, left it aside and abandoned tomorrow as a lost cause..... Proverbs 13:12

Come on; rise up on the inside like the crippled man when he heard of Christ, rise up... for 'greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world'... 1 John 4:4

Grow to greatness, grow in His faith and grace for the Lord is calling you from sickness to health, from slavery to liberty, from bondage to freedom and from fear to faith.... Ever growing faith!

There is never a time to give up, never a time to allow Satan a victory; so don't you dare lie down, don't you dare give up for your God is bigger than the sum of all your fears.

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