



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Acts 3	Title:	Faith in Action
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Summary of Chapter	This chapter is about the miraculous healing of a crippled beggar at the temple gate by Peter. All the people who witnessed it were amazed. Peter began to explain that it was Jesus who healed him, and they needed to repent and receive Jesus as the promised Messiah.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
<p><i>⁶But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!"</i></p> <p><i>⁷Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened.</i></p>	<p>We see the crippled beggar approached Peter for money which he did not have. Instead of ignoring the need, Peter boldly and instantaneously put his faith into action by healing this man in Jesus' Name. God used Peter to perform this amazing miracle as he acted by faith under the leading of the Spirit. Have you ever felt prompted by the Holy Spirit to put your faith into action even when you feel inadequate? I remember an encounter I had with a Mandarin-speaking taxi driver on my way home from church. He shared he had visited Grace Assembly many years back. He did not believe in God even though many friends had shared Christ with him. When I heard that, I felt a sense of inadequacy sharing Christ in Mandarin. I prayed quietly for God to use me to help him. Interestingly, he began to narrate a physical healing that he experienced on that day itself and he said it was Jesus who healed him. But he was still hesitant about Jesus. Led by the Spirit, I began to share the gospel and the joy of knowing Christ. By the time I reached my destination, the driver was ready to receive Christ. Not only was he healed that day, he received the miracle of salvation as well! Praise the Lord! I am amazed how the Spirit empowered me to lead the driver to Christ in Mandarin fluently. Thank God that I looked past my own inadequacy and acted on God's prompting to meet the driver's eternal need. What a privilege to co-partner with the Holy Spirit to do what only God can do. God can use ordinary people in ordinary circumstances in supernatural ways when we put our faith into action. All that is required of us is to avail ourselves and rely on God's guidance and power through His Spirit. Our all-knowing, all-present and all-powerful God is the One at work in people's lives, not us. When we simply put our child-like faith into action, we share the joy of partnership with God, living as His witnesses for Christ.</p>

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	Is there someone whom the Holy Spirit is prompting you to reach out to? Is there someone in need around you? Pray for God's guidance as you reach out to him/her. Act in obedience as God is working through you.
Youth:	Are there any friends that you want to share your faith or invite to the NextGen online church services? Ask God to give your courage to just do it.
Child:	Bring a small gift (sweet, sticker, etc) to bless three friends this week and tell them that Jesus loves them.

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Father God, we stand in the authority and power as Your children. In You, we lack nothing. We seek to walk in step with Your Spirit as we reach out to people in need. We commit to put our faith in action to glorify You.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)

Salvation Prayer:

I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.