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Many Wonderful Ministries Will Soon Be Replaced by Revival – January Letter 2025

Dear Friend,

Welcome to 2025! And welcome to Revival Now! Similar miracles as seen in the following verses will soon become an everyday experience for the Revivalist Believer.

Acts 3:1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*.

Acts 3:2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

Acts 3:3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

Acts 3:4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

Acts 3:5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Acts 3:7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Acts 3:8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Acts 3:9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

Acts 3:10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

In regard to the lame man in these verses, the Amplified Version has this to say:

2 [When] a certain man crippled from his birth was being carried along, who was laid each day at that gate of the temple [which is] called Beautiful, so that he might beg for charitable gifts from those who entered the temple.

In this passage, we normally focus on the miracle and the ministry that happened through Peter and John, and rightfully so. But there is another underlying story here if we can see it.

For years I have thought about the hidden characters in this story who are never mentioned by name but provided a ministry of compassion for this crippled man until the greater ministry appeared.

If we were to continue to read in this passage, we would find out that the man healed was over 40 years old. We also understand that he resorted to a lifestyle of begging for money just to provide substance for his life. There were no government subsidies in those days. If your family could not provide for you, you begged for a living.

Someone, or better yet, some people carried him every day of his life to the temple to beg for help. Even if this crippled man was frail in body weight, it would've almost been impossible for one person to carry him any distance to the temple each day.

Let's say for the sake of a good story that the crippled man's name was Charlie. Charlie had two friends, Bob and Jim. Bob and Jim would meet every morning at Charlie's house to put him on a makeshift stretcher and carry him several blocks to the entrance of the temple. Each morning at sunrise, Charlie would hear the knock at the door and there was Bob and Jim, ready to carry out their ministry of compassion for Charlie. They would often remind Charlie to grab his sack lunch as they carried him out the door. Bob and Jim did this faithfully for years and years. They would take him to the gate Beautiful, drop him off, and head out for work themselves. They would return each afternoon to pick Charlie up and take him back home only to start the same process over again the next day.

AND THEN ONE DAY, EVERYTHING CHANGED!

When Bob and Jim returned that afternoon to pick Charlie up at the gate Beautiful, Charlie was nowhere to be found. As they turned, they could hear loud sounds of people in the temple rejoicing and praising God. In their curiosity, they entered the temple only to find out that Charlie was the center of attention. To their utter amazement, Charlie was running and jumping like a teenager. Charlie was no longer a cripple, and Charlie no longer had to be carried.

BOB AND JIM'S MINISTRY WAS OVER! BOB AND JIM WERE OUT OF A JOB!

Bob and Jim's ministry of compassion had instantly been replaced. It had become obsolete because of the ministry of Jesus.

Peter and John had brought what we are now calling a "JESUS MEETING" to Charlie! Jesus Meetings don't facilitate for the sick. They heal the sick! Jesus Meetings make human compassion obsolete.

I thank God with all my heart for every act of compassion that helps facilitate some kind of help for the sick and infirmed. But we have been called to be far more than facilitators.

THE CHURCH HAS BEEN, AT BEST, HELPERS AND FACILITATORS FOR TOO LONG!

JESUS WANTS US TO GO FROM HELPERS TO HEALERS!

JESUS MEETINGS MAKE A LOT OF MINISTRIES OBSOLETE!

The whole complexity of church life changes when Jesus Meetings start. Just think of all the places in scripture where someone facilitated help until the power of God came.

How long had people helped the impotent man who had been crippled all his life at Lystra until Paul showed up!?

Acts 14:8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

Acts 14:9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

Acts 14:10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

Paul brought a JESUS MEETING to Lystra and everything changed. The man's life changed. People that had been ministering to him for years were out of a job! We put ourselves and others out of a job per se when we have JESUS MEETINGS!

It would be ludicrous to think that Bob and Jim in our story or the people at Lystra would've complained that they no longer had a job. And yet much of the Church at large will not seek God for this higher ministry and are still very satisfied with helping to facilitate the sick. But you and I know that the time is NOW FOR REVIVAL!

Thank God for the man that led blind Bartimaeus out into the street at Jericho for Jesus to heal him. But now, the same hands that are capable of leading the blind ought to be healing the blind.

Jesus healed many people that were sick with leprosy during His ministry. One of the things that he would tell them each time was, "Go show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifice commanded by Moses." This was done for two reasons. In the Old Testament, the priest was the one designated under Moses's law to verify whether or not the leprous person had truly been healed. They were to make certain examinations before they declared the person totally free from leprosy. They were the verifying doctors of the day. Jesus also wanted the verification to be a testimony of truth to the religious order of the time.

We will soon find ourselves in the position in which Jesus walked. It will be common for us after every Jesus Meeting to find ourselves saying, "Go show yourself to your doctor and verify that the miracle has taken place in your body!"

Thank God for everyone who pushes a wheelchair, drives a lift van, or signs for the deaf. And many of these things will still be necessary in the future until we can get them into our Jesus Meetings!

BUT THIS CANNOT BE THE IMAGE OF THE END RESULT OF OUR MINISTRIES!

SOME MINISTRIES WILL BE REPLACED IN THE REVIVAL!

BOB AND JIM HAD A WONDERFUL MINISTRY UNTIL PETER AND JOHN SHOWED UP!

OH GOD, WRECK OUR MEETINGS WITH JESUS MEETINGS!

THE TIME FOR REVIVAL IS NOW!

As always, let me express that Candy and I appreciate beyond words your ministry with us in 2024. We are looking forward to the greatest year ever in 2025 and a Revival that has just begun. You are loved.

I WILL SEE YOU IN THE REVIVAL!

Blessings,
Pastor Bronc