

SUCH AS I HAVE

Last week we looked at the ministry of Jesus and how **He was anointed with the Holy Spirit at His baptism and he then began ministering publically**

- Declaring the Spirit of the Lord is upon me and has anointed me...
- How he went about doing good healing all who were oppressed of the devil
Answering the question...

Q Who needs the baptism in the Holy Spirit?... we all do!

Today I want to answer the question... **Q WHY DO I NEED IT?**

Acts 3:1-8 – Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to **take part in the three o'clock prayer service.** **2** As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. **Each day** he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. **4** Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" **5** The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. **6** But 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!" **7** Then 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. **8** He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. (NLT)

Such as I have... something changed from every other day that he walked by that man. What changed? Peter recognized the power of the Holy Spirit on his life

World of limitations

Story of limitations

- **Crippled man**... Couldn't walk... Couldn't work... dependent on others...Had to beg for a living...
 - Had to be carried- **limited**
 - Limited By circumstances... limited by culture... by lack of technology

He lived a **life of limitations** – personal needs... everything in life-limitless needs

- Lame from birth
- Knew nothing different... this was His normal
- Getting back to normal... getting back to a life we believe is normal

Q. Why do we need Gods power? We live in a fallen world of limitations

Peter and John Had personal limitations...

- We can't meet your need
- They also lived in that same world of limitation
- Couldn't meet His requested need... he needed money to live.

The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money.

Peter says I have something- but it doesn't come from this world of limitations

- Come from the world of limitless possibilities
- Realm of the kingdom of God...Power of God

Acts 1:8 – ... you shall receive power after the Holy Spirit comes upon you

Unlimited kingdom

You shall receive power... when the Holy Spirit comes upon you!!

- Jesus said... I give you peace... not as the world gives
- Jesus said... abide in me and your joy will be complete
- Jesus said...I have come to give you abundant life ... everlasting life...Because it all comes from an unlimited kingdom

You shall receive power... after!!

TCC – Jesus: my kingdom is not of this world!!

- Pray your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven

Q How does it happen?

- I will send the Holy Spirit to you... He will be in you and with you!!
- Heaven invading earth

TCC... His presence in and on our life is a supernatural presence... His Super on our natural

Peter – In the name of Jesus Christ... rise up and walk

- What he had was eternal... power of God resting on him ... the power of the Holy Spirit
 - Heaven invading earth
 - Establishing Gods kingdom one person at a time
 - Occupying enemy territory one person at a time

Look at the confidence- He pulled Him up 1st... then the man's legs and feet gained strength

Q Why do we need this? We live in a world of limitations, BUT we have a power greater than our limitations!! From a kingdom of unlimited resources.

Acts 1 – Power promised... you shall receive power

Acts 2 – Power received... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit

Acts 3 – Power released... in the name of Jesus rise up and walk

...when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – NLT

For Acts chapter 3 to happen, Acts chapter 2 must take place...

For chapter 2 to take place Chapter 1 had to happen

Every day we encounter a world of limitations... we come from a place of limitations... but when Jesus puts His super upon your natural - "Such as I Have" can happen

What I want for you today is for you... **To know His limitless power rests on your life to have a "such as I have" encounter...** Walking and leaping and praising God

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Q. What does “such as I have” look like in my life?

Q. How can I change my limited perspective to a kingdom perspective?

Q. How can I endeavor to have a “such as I have” encounter this week?