

Title: The Unstoppable Church (5/27/18)

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Text: (Acts 3)

Jesus said ...

(Matt 16:18) *upon this rock (Speaking of Himself)*

I will build my church;

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Jesus promised His Church would be Unstoppable.

FBCJ is Christ's UNSTOPPABLE Church:

It Was Birthed By Jesus Christ.

It Was Build By Jesus Christ.

It Was Bought by Jesus Christ.

**It Will be Empowered by the Holy Ghost as they
are filled with the Holy Ghost!**

It Was Commissioned By Christ!

FBCJ had a clear vision of it's Purpose!

It's Vision was the Great Commission!

FBC of Jerusalem Knew its King Is Coming Soon!

This Church is UNSTOPPABLE!

Are you a part of Christ's UNSTOPPABLE Church?

It starts by having Jesus Christ as your savior.

You become a member of Christ's Unstoppable
Church at Baptism. (Acts 2:41,48)

Holy Spirit Filling: (Vs 1-13)

We find our Method, Message, Mission, Ministry.

The Book of Acts is not just a History Book.

The Book of Acts is our Procedure Manual.

Holy Spirit Preaching: (Vs 14-36)

Our Methods: Holy Spirit Filled Preaching

Our Message: Jesus Christ & the Gospel

Holy Spirit Baptism: (Vs 37-40)

Our Mission: Evangelism

Repent, Believe, Receive!

Holy Spirit Ministry: (Vs 41-47)

Our Ministry: Discipleship

Church: not "Birthed" on Pentecost, but Empowered!

Empowered to Carry out its Commission: (Acts 1:8)

The Key to Great Commission is to Start at Home!

The Miracle that Amazed Them: (Acts 3:1-11)

*I Now Peter and John went up together into the
temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.*

It was the Hour of Prayer, 3pm.

Devout Jews would be found at 9,12,3pm.

Why did Peter & John go to the Temple?

Even though that had just had a Huge day, 3K souls.

Peter & John needed to continue to walk with God.

Christianity is a not a destination.

Can't Give what you Don't Have!

Can't Teach what you Don't Do!

If Peter & John though they needed it, why don't you?

What are you doing to keep yourself spiritually strong

When is your Spiritual Work out?

You miss a lot when you miss church!

The Sermon you need the most is the 1 you missed.
Missed the Encouragement you need/needed to give.
(Heb 10:24-25) Don't Miss!
Internet is great, but it's not the same as being here!

Best opportunity for Peter & John to talk to lost Jews.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb

Tell the Story of his life,
This 1 area of weakness Deformed him:
Not like the other Children.
(vs 7) *his feet & ankle bones needed strength.*

This 1 area of weakness Disabled him.

Never learned to walk/run like the other Children.
Never went out to play like the other children.
Do you have an area of weakness that you haven't
been able to find strength in?

This 1 area of weakness Deprived him of his life!

Never learned his father's occupation.
Never got married.
Never had kids.

was carried, whom they laid daily

1 area of weakness made him Dependent on others.

He was defenseless.
(Acts 4:22) He is above the Age of 40

Do you have an area of weakness that kept you from
being Successful, Spiritual, Sanctified, Serving?
Do you have an area of weakness that is depriving
you of the Promised Abundant Christian life?
Do you have to rely on others to make you
follow through and be faithful?

This 1 area of weakness Displaced him his entire life.
at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful,

The Corinthian Gate.
Covered with gold and Silver Panels.
When the Sun would break over the Mt of Olives.
It was blindingly Beautiful!

This 1 area of weakness Disconnected him from God.

B/c He was on the WRONG side of the Gate.
(Lev 21:17-23) God's Command said cripples could
not approach the Altar, or defile the temple.
He was close to the Abundant Life, but This 1 area of
weakness Deterred him from God.
He could not Walk, Work, Wed, or Worship!

Some of you here today are on the WRONG side of
the Gate!

Your Lost!

Your Spiritually Crippled by Sin an unable to
Worship, Work, or Walk with God!

to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;
All He could do was Beg

“Baksheesh” “Baksheesh” “Alms for the poor”
He could See.
He could Hear.
He could Talk.
He could sit up.
He could Think.
But this 1 area, where he needed strength, was
keeping him from an Abundant/Productive life.

WE are ALL the Beggar at the GATE!
WE all have an area of Weakness: (Vs 7)
That Disables us from serving God.
That Deprives us of Joy!
That Displaces us from the life we should have!
That has YOU on the Wrong Side of the Gate!

What is it?
What is that 1 area where you Need Strength?
You know what it is!
God’s power can free you from it!

Confess IT as SIN! (1 John 1:9)
Daily Receive Strength from the Spirit(Gal 5:16)

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.
He was seeking Financial gain.
He was also needing Spiritual Strength.
4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

Peter took the TIME to see Him!
This man was a social Outcast.
People walk by him everyday w/o seeing.
w/o Acknowledging them.
TO most people, He did not Exist!
But God Sees Him!
(Gen 16:13) *Thou God seest me:* (Hagar)

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.
He had become dependent upon others or everything.
Is that you?
Are you dependent on your parents Faith?
Are you dependent on your Wife’s Faith?
Are you expecting others to carry you through this life
rather than God?

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.
His need was greater than Money.
Illus: *I don’t have a problem in the world \$100
wouldn’t fix. w/ inflation \$1000, Now \$10,000.*
Money is not the magic pill!
Money can’t fix you.
Illus: *Lottery winners destroy their lives.*

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

1st recorded miracle by an Apostle.
His Healing was Immediate.
You and I need the same Strength of God!
YOU PLUS GOD IS A MAJORITY!
God is reaching down to you today!

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

With the Strength of God, He was healed!
With the Strength of God,
He WALKED for the 1st Time!
He WORSHIPPED for the 1st Time!
How long has it been since you were that excited about worshipping God?

If you will let God Strengthen you,
You will WALK with God like never before!
You will WORSHIP like never before!
You will WORK for God like never before!

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

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.

His Testimony Touched Others.
His Excitement has attracted the attention of the lost.

This Miracle could NOT be Denied!

11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

Miracles have 3 purposes:

1st: Take care of the immediate physical need.
2nd: Reveal Christ's Power to Save: (Luke 5:21-26)
3rd: Confirm God's Word: (Mark 16:20)
It Authenticates the Message of the Gospel.

Physical Healing is Not Salvation: (Jn 9:1,8,9,35-38)

Peter preaching to the people that came to see a lame man restored to his feet

The Work of God: Acts 3:12-18

Peter Preaches Christ

This Miracle could not be Humanly Explained.

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

Peter has gone from Denying Jesus a couple of months ago, to Confessing publicly that Jesus is Everything!

This Miracle could not be Lightly Dismissed

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

What Miracle is going to be ENOUGH for You?

The Manslaughter that Condemned them: (14-16)

They Had Denied Him:

14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

They Had Slain Him:

15 And killed the Prince of life,

God Had Raised Him Up:

whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

The Lame Man's Healing was a result of Faith:

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Their Rejection of Christ was an Act of Ignorance:
17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.

18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

All this is a fulfillment of God's Word

Ignorance is no Excuse: (Rom 2:12)(Matt 11:20-24)

Acts 3:19-26 he exhorts them by repentance and faith to seek remission of their sins, and salvation in the same Jesus.

The Message that Converted them: (Vs 19-21)

Man's Work is to Repent: (John 6:28-29)

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out,

Repentance is Commanded: (Acts 17:30)

Repent lest he perish: (Lk 13:3)

Sin' of the Repentant are Blotted Out: (Is 1:18)

19b when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

Making Preparation for His Return:

21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things,

This will be the Restitution of All Things:

Peter Preaches Assurance: (Vs 22-26)

21b which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. 22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. 23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. 24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

This was foretold by the Prophets:

Moses: (Deut 10:18-19)

Samuel: (on Vs 24)

25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

(Gal 3:16)

26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Christ was sent to turn men from their sin:

All of us are like the Beggar at the Gate.

We all have an Area of Weakness.

We all have an area where we need strength!

Are you on the wrong side of the Gate?

Separated from God.

Won't you please Repent, Believe, & Receive Jesus Christ?

Are you Saved, but unable to Walk with God, Work for God, or Worship God because our weakness to Sin?

Repent, Confess, Receive the Strength of the Holy Spirit? (1 John 1:9)