



# AWCI SERMON NOTE & *Announcements*

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## COUNTDOWN TO EASTER: LET'S PRAY!

As we journey toward Easter Sunday, join us in covering our church, guests, and services in daily prayer. Let's believe together for breakthrough, renewed hope, and lives transformed by the power of Jesus!

## INTRODUCTION

There's something powerful about how we prepare when we know something important is about to happen. If you're expecting a special guest, you don't treat it casually. You clean differently. You make room. You become intentional.

Why? Because who you are expecting determines how you prepare.

But let me stretch that thought a little further: what if God never intended for us to only prepare a place for His presence? What if He intended for us to become the place His presence lives and flows through?

The truth is, God is not just looking for buildings to fill. When you truly live out the Great Commandment and the Great Commission—when you love God and love people—the Spirit of God will begin to operate in you and through you.

And when that happens, three things will always be evident:

- Your life is one of worship in the Spirit
- You will walk and live upright in the Spirit
- You will witness through the power of the Holy Spirit

## BACKGROUND, AND SCRIPTURE

### BACKGROUND

Peter and John are going up to the temple at the hour of prayer. At the gate called Beautiful, a man lame from birth is placed daily to beg. He asks them for money, but Peter and John offer something greater: the authority and power found in the name of Jesus. The man is healed instantly, and his public transformation becomes a testimony that points the crowd to Christ.

### SCRIPTURE (NIV)

Acts 3:1–10 (NIV) 1 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. 2 Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. 4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. 6 Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. 8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. 9 When all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

## SERMON POINTS

**Point 1: Worship in the Spirit — A Life of Continual Connection**

**Key line:** Public power is birthed out of private connection.

- Acts 3:1 (NIV) — "One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer..."
- John 4:24 (KJV) — "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."
- Psalm 34:1 (KJV) — "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

**Point 2: Walk Upright in the Spirit — A Life of Alignment and Sensitivity**

**Key line:** Walking upright in the Spirit means trusting that what God placed in you is enough for the moment you're in.

- Acts 3:4–6 (NIV) (Highlight) Peter says, "Look at us!" ... "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."
- Galatians 5:25 (KJV) — "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."
- Proverbs 3:5–6 (KJV) — "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart... and he shall direct thy paths."

**Point 3: Witness Through the Holy Spirit — A Life of Power and Purpose**

**Key line:** The miracle opened the door—but the message brought transformation.

- Acts 3:6–8 (NIV) (Summary) Peter speaks in Jesus' name; the man is strengthened, stands, walks, and praises God.
- Acts 3:12–16 (NIV) (Summary) Peter points the crowd to Jesus: this healing is not human power, but faith in the name of Jesus.
- Acts 1:8 (KJV) — "But ye shall receive power... and ye shall be witnesses..."
- Matthew 5:16 (KJV) — "Let your light so shine before men..."

