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C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word because, brother, you need the Word. We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online at BrothersoftheWord.com or social media. Welcome to today's service always a wonderful delight and joy to have you to tune in and join us. I would like to share just a little humor. A man went to the Super Bowl, and he climbed up to the top row in the end zone section of the stadium to reach a seat, and after the game started, he spotted an empty seat on the 50-yard line. And after working his way down to it, he asked the man in the next seat. He said, "Excuse me, but is anyone sitting here?" "No," replied the man. "Actually, the seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she died, and this is the first Super Bowl we haven't been together since we got married in 1967." "That's very sad, but still couldn't you find anyone else to take the seat a relative or a close friend?" "No," replied the man. "They're all at the funeral." He obviously had his priorities out of play. It sounds like Clayton. No, I'm just like.

Well, we are doing Part 2 of Healing Acts. These are acts of healing over the Book of Acts, Healing Acts, and we're doing part two, and we are in Chapter 3, Acts Chapter 3. And we're looking at this first account here, Acts Chapter 3. And we're just taking it verse by verse, and we're sort of executing the scriptures verse by verse Acts Chapter 3 beginning with Verse 1. I do just a little bit of a review, and then we'll move forward.

Says now, Peter and John went up together into the temple at The Hour of Prayer being the ninth hour, and we talked about this says to us, you know, be on the right path with the right company. There was a reason it highlighted that Peter and John were together. Be on the right path. They were going to do something noble and they were together. So, be on the right path with the right company.

Then, Verse 2 and a certain man from his mother's womb was carried whom they had laid daily at the gate of the temple, and we talked to you about this man who was lame from his mother's womb letting us know that it doesn't matter how long you've been in a situation. No condition is too bad and it's not too far gone for God to do something miraculous and change your life. It's never too late to change your life. It's never too late for you to become better. It's never too late for things to change for things to get better. He was from his mother's womb. So, it seemed like he was trapped forever, but no. His life was changed and that says to us that it's never too late. It's never too late. No situation is hopeless. No situation is hopeless or impossible. So, always remember that. You're never trapped. Your life isn't over, and we gleaned that from that.

And then, notice that he was carrying and you will need the help of others and others will need your help. And then, we talked about daily that he went daily to the temple. He was brought daily to the temple, and we talked about how your life is only changed by what you do daily. You're only as successful as what you do daily. Your success is found in your daily routine. I like something that Bishop Dael said. He says the difference between who you are and who you want to be is somewhere between doing what you don't want to do but need to do. And number 2, doing it consistently. Doing it consistent. So, he was laid there daily that speaks of consistency. It speaks of consistency. He showed up, and the message to us is don't quit. Keep showing up. Don't quit. Keep showing up. Even though he was lame, he showed up.

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I like that. If anyone had an excuse to stay home it was him, but he was there daily every day consistently. He was consistently there. So, don't quit. Keep showing up. That's the message that we receive. And then, I gave you some good things to do every day since he was there daily, and we said you should pray every day. You should read your Bible every day. You should learn daily. You should exercise daily. You should nourish daily. You should get plenty of sleep daily. You should laugh daily. You should show love, and you should be good to people daily. You should give thanks daily, and you should review your goals and do something towards your dream daily.

So, that's just 10 things to do daily, 10 things to do daily. And now, what I want to pick up today, notice this he was laid at a gate called Beautiful. He was laid at a gate called Beautiful. Now, that says to me that something beautiful is about to happen at a place called Beautiful. Ain't that awesome? This place was called Beautiful and something beautiful happened at a place called Beautiful. He was healed at a place called Beautiful. Something beautiful happened at a place called Beautiful. That says to me, be careful what you call yourself. Be careful what you call yourself. Be careful how you talk about your life. Something beautiful happened at a place called Beautiful. Something beautiful happened at a place called Beautiful.

I love talking to my mother. My mother is 86 years old, and I try to visit with her a couple of days a week. But without fail, whenever I'm there with her for about an hour, without fail some kind of way no matter what we are talking about, some kind of way she'll say, "Life is something," and I would reply, "Yes, life is something." And then, she would always say, "But I must add beautiful. Life is something beautiful." She said, "Life is what you make it. Life is what you make it. Life is what you make it." And so, I believe he was later the gate called Beautiful to emphasize the beauty of life that life is beautiful. Life is Beautiful. Life is Beautiful. Someone said this life is beautiful.

One day, one hour and one minute will not come again in your entire life. So, avoid fighting, anger and speak lovely to every person. One hour, not one minute, not one second you will ever see again in your life. Avoid fighting. Avoid anger and speak loveliness to every person. That's beautiful. That's making life beautiful. That's making life beautiful. Every day is a gift. Every day is a gift. Life is so beautiful. Life is beautiful. Life is a gift. Life is a gift. Life is a gift. It's beautiful. Life is beautiful.

I like something this poem that Gregory wrote on throat. That's called The Best Day of My Life, The Best Day of My Life. He says, "Today, when I awoke, I suddenly realized that this is the best day of my life ever. There were times when I wondered if I would make it to today, but I did. And because I did, I'm going to celebrate. Today, I'm going to celebrate what an unbelievable life I have had so far. The accomplishments, the many blessings

and yes, even the hardships because they have served to make me stronger. I will go through this day with my head held high and a happy heart. I will marvel at God's seemingly simple gifts, the morning dew, the Sun, the clouds, the trees, the flowers, the birds. Today, none of these miraculous creations will escape my notice.

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Today, I will share my excitement for life with other people. I'll make someone smile. I'll go out of my way to perform an unexpected act of kindness for someone I don't even know. Today, I'll give a sincere compliment to someone who sings down. I'll tell a child how special he is, and I'll tell someone that I love just how deeply I care for her and how much she means to me. Today is the day I quit worrying about what I don't have and start being grateful for all the wonderful things God has already given me. I'll remember that to worry is just a waste of time because my faith in God and His divine plan ensures everything would be just fine, and tonight before I go to bed, I'll go outside and raise my eyes to the heavens. I'll stand in all at the beauty of the stars and the Moon, and I will praise God for these magnificent treasures. As the day ends and I lay my head down on my pillow, I will thank the Almighty for the best day of my life, and I will sleep the sleep of a contented child excited with expectation because I know tomorrow is going to be the best day of my life ever, The Best Day of My Life.

Life is beautiful. Life is beautiful. Life is Beautiful. You know Philippians 4:8 says it this way. It says that whatsoever things are lovely, think on these things. I think you can exchange the word beautiful there. Whatsoever things are beautiful, think on these things. Think beautiful things, say beautiful things, do beautiful things. Keep your life at a place called Beautiful. Life is beautiful. Life is beautiful. Life is beautiful.

You know you have the opportunity to travel around the world. You see some beautiful places. There are some wonderful places around the world, some wonders for the eye to behold beautiful places, and I've had the opportunity to travel all around the world for the last, you know, 15, 20 years of my life been everywhere, and I'm not really a photographer, but I do have a phone. Can anybody relate?

And so, I'll try to take a few amateur pictures wherever I go, and I brought a few tonight just to show from some of my travels just to say that life is beautiful, just to say that life is beautiful. AV if you can show. Now, that's in the Greek Isles. That's the Isle of Patmos, and I just was looking out from the hotel, and I just took that picture there. Ain't that beautiful? It's beautiful. It's beautiful. Life is beautiful. Life is beautiful.

AV show another one. Now, I have no idea what this is, but this is -- I have to look it up. But this is Mount Rainier, Mount Rainier and we were actually driving it and we pulled over on the side of the road. We got out the car and I snapped that picture. Ain't that Majestic? It's so majestic. Life is beautiful. Visit some beautiful places. Behold the beauty. Now, these are just some beautiful fish. I was in an aquarium somewhere, and I was amazed and captured and enraptured by the beautiful blue and gold fish, more beautiful fish. Aren't the fish beautiful? Life is beautiful. Life is beautiful. Life is beautiful.

Now, that's the cave. Once again, I don't know where we were, China or Japan or somewhere, but we were exploring the Salt Crystal Caves were these beautiful formations of salt and crystallized over hundreds of thousands of years, and we were there. It was so beautiful, and that's the country of Panama. That's the country of Panama. I was looking out one day. I said, "Man, this is so beautiful. Let me just snapped this picture. This is so beautiful." Whenever I want to get away and I can't get away, I just look at that picture.

Now here, that's the Great Wall of China. That's a fascinating thing right there. We were all the way up to the top, and we have the most beautiful view in the world of all of China from a top the wall of China. Just a few, I have thousands of pictures in my phone, but I just pulled it out just a few just to say that life is beautiful.

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Visit some beautiful places. This is some beautiful places. If you can't go, just pull them up on the internet and look at some beautiful places. Let your mind dream and imagine and go there and just see yourself there in beautiful places, but visit beautiful places, think beautiful thoughts, say beautiful things, do beautiful things. Life is beautiful. Life is beautiful. Life is

beautiful, and I believe that's the message we receive from this man who was laid at a gate called Beautiful. Something beautiful happened at a gate called Beautiful. Notice that he wasn't healed at a gate called ugly. He was healed at a gate called Beautiful. Life is Beautiful. And the reason the gate was called Beautiful because it was beautiful.

Some scholars believe that this was the entrance to one of the most beautiful temples, a place where the esteemed, the dwelling place of God. So, they wanted to make the entrance grand and royal and regal. So, they had this beautiful place, this beautiful entrance. That's why it was called Beautiful because it was. To go there was to take your breath away. It was so beautiful, and they wanted a beautiful place as they prepare to enter into the glory of God in the presence of God. They wanted to have a beautiful place, and that's why it was a gate called Beautiful. And I admired this man because that's what he chose to go every day. He wanted to go to a beautiful place. Every day you should go to a beautiful place, a beautiful place, a beautiful place. Every day you should look at some beautiful piece of art. You should listen to some beautiful piece of music. Every day you should read a portion of some beautiful book. Every day you should go to a place called Beautiful, a place called Beautiful.

And we'll do a couple more, and then we'll stop for today. But notice this in the next verse, Verse 3. It says, "Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked alms." He asked of alms and this lets us know to be aware of opportunities, to be aware of opportunities. Keep your eyes open. Keep your eyes open and be aware of opportunities. I like this man. He sees an opportunity. He sees an opportunity. Problems are nothing more than opportunities in disguise. Great things are birthed out of problems. And so, he had a problem, but yet, he saw an opportunity. His eyes were open. So, keep your eyes open. Keep your eyes open. Be on the lookout. Be aware of opportunities. Be aware.

He saw Peter and John. Then, he asked something of them. He asked something of them that teaches us that if you don't ask, the answer will always be no. He asked. You know if he hadn't asked, he wouldn't have been healed. If he hadn't asked for something, he wouldn't have received. How much do we miss out on life because we fail to ask? Man ask, ask for a discount. Ask if they have any sales. Ask for the scholarship. Ask, ask

and you shall receive. You have not because you ask not. Don't be afraid to ask. Don't be afraid to ask. He asked. He asked. He asked.

And then, I like the fact that he was in an inspiring place, and he was around inspiring people. Notice who he was around. He was around Peter and John, and these were Apostles. These were guys who just finished three-and-a-half years with Jesus himself. These were guys full of the Holy Ghost that had just freshly descended upon the Earth and that's who he was in company with. That's who he had an audience with it. Let us know to be around inspiring people, people who challenge you and push you to be your best self. Notice what they did to him. They didn't give him a hand out. They gave him a hand up. They challenged him to be his best self. They pushed him. They didn't feel that he should be continuously laid in the same position and stay for the rest of his life. They moved him to a new position of zeal and health and vitality and vigor. They changed his life.

Be around people that push you to be your best self. Be around people that challenge you. Remember the quality of people that you put around, you determine the quality of who you are, and I love that. He was in company with Peter and John, in company with Peter and John. And then, notice this Verse 4. He saw Peter and John.

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The lame man saw Peter and John, but I want you to notice this in Verse 4, but now Peter sees him in Verse 4 and Peter fastening his eyes upon Him with John and said, "Look on us." Peter fastened his eyes upon Him. Peter fastened his eyes on it. So, he got Peter's attention and Peter was just beginning to look at Him. Now, your eyes always lead your heart. So, your eyes is a gateway to the heart. So, it was with his eyes that led to his heart being full of compassion for this man. The eyes always lead to the heart being full of compassion.

And so, this lets us know, when Peter focused on Him, it says something to me. It says something to us. When Peter focused on Him, to me it says focus on people. Bible says Peter fastened his eyes on Him. He had his full attention. He focused on it. That says to me focus on people, focus on people. Take time for

people. Take time for people. You'll find this on the life of Jesus wherever Jesus went. As busy as he was, no one had a more busy itinerary than Jesus, but He always took time for people. I want you to see the grace and the rhythm of life that Jesus float in. Even though He was busy, He had a busy schedule, busy itinerary, He always took time for people. He always took time for people.

And so, this is the same thing here. We see here that Peter fastened his eyes on Him. Well, Peter had learned this principle from Jesus because he worked with Jesus. He knew to take time for people. Focus on people. Take time for people. Show people that you care. Show people that you care. Want the best for others. Want the best for others. Peter is now in a position to help what the best. Peter wanted a better life for this man. He wanted a better life. This had nothing to do with Peter. Peter was concerned about this man's life. He wanted a better life for people. Show people that you care. Want the best for others. Have a genuine interest. Have a genuine interest. Be generous.

The Book of Proverbs says that generosity prosperous, but stinginess impoverishes. Be generous. Kindness is free. Somebody said that kindness is free. Sprinkle that stuff everywhere. It's free. Kindness is free. Sprinkle that stuff everywhere. Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody. Don't miss the opportunity to touch a person's life with the love of God through a friendly word or a smile, kind gesture. Never miss an opportunity to express God's love. Kindness will always cause us to slow down and give space and grace to others. Kindness causes us to slow down and give space and grace to others.

William Penn said, he said I expect to pass through life but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now and not defer or neglected as I shall not pass this way again. Praise God. Kindness is free. Spread that stuff everywhere. Spread that stuff, and we'll stop right there.

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