

# Appointment with God

Acts 3



**ACTS**  
Disciples Making Disciples

# Key verse: Acts 1:8

But you are to be given power when the Holy Spirit has come to you. You will be witnesses to me, not only in Jerusalem, not only throughout Judea, not only in Samaria, but to the very ends of the earth!” *(JB Phillips)*

## Application:

*Be a disciple. Make disciples. Multiply disciples. Mobilize disciples.*

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# Peter praying (3:1)

- ❖ Jews prayed three times per day  
*(morning/afternoon/evening)*
  - ❖ Off for a 3.00 pm prayer meeting! (3:1)
  - ❖ Prayer – the “life-blood” of the early church  
*(1:14, 1:24, 2:42) (18 x’s in Acts)*
  - ❖ God “interrupts” the journey
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# Peter focussing (3:4)

- Man, crippled from birth, dependent on others
  - Peter, acknowledged what he *COULD NOT* do but declared what he *COULD DO*
  - Declaration: “In the name of Jesus!”
  - Result: Immediate healing resulting in praising God (*witnessing!*)
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# Peter witnessing (3:12)

- People gather
  - “Peter saw his opportunity” (NLT)
  - His sermon: *Bible based, Christ focussed, life changing*
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# Peter's witness (3:12 )

- Title: *“Him we proclaim!”*
  - Outline:
    - *It's not us but God*
    - *No surprises – OT fulfilment (Bible based)*
    - *You disowned His servant Jesus and killed Him, but He was raised from the dead (Christ focussed)*
    - *We are witnesses of this (15)*
    - *Repent & turn to God (19) (Life changing)*
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# Lessons to learn

1. God-arranged “interruptions” can occur anytime, any place – *be prepared*
2. Witnessing is results from prayer – *develop a life of prayer*
3. I don’t have everything, but I have something – *surrender it to God*
4. Opportunities are there – *look for them!*
5. From “FUD” (*fear, uncertainty, doubt*) to “HSE” (*Holy Spirit empowered*) – *depend on the Holy Spirit*

