

Part **4** 

## Healing

This past weekend Pastor Ken continued his five-week series entitled, Earth, Wind, and Fire. The Book of Acts is filled with stories about the wind of God and the Fire of God and how they touch the earth in the life of the early church. Over these weeks, we invite you to journey with someone at work, your family, or find a place to do it alone or with a friend. Let's grow and do life together during this series.

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. 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. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

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." Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, 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. 

Acts 3:1-10

- 1. The Church is a healing community as we stand with each other and support each other as we work to maintain our bodies; as we see them as a temple (see 1 Corinthians 6:19).
- 2. What are some ways to honor God with our body?
- 3. The Church is a healing community as we promote the advance of science and medicine. Many scientists, doctors, and inventors throughout history have been people of faith.
- 4. Finally, the Church is a healing community as we invite God to touch the lives of those in our path. We are instructed to anoint those who are sick and to prayer for their healing in faith (read James 5:14).
- 5. Close by praying for those among you that need spiritual, emotional, or physical healing.