# Raising Your Expectations

**Rick Shelton April 15, 2018 AM Service** 

Acts 3:1-8

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

And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

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.

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

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

## The lame man is a picture of people in the church that hear the word but doesn't help them

Is it right when people hear preaching that all they do is cope with some problems.

## All people should be free

## God has not called us to just surive, He has called us to thrive

## Don't allow your struggles to become your identity

## Stop looking at your problem but start looking at all the good in your life

If it is in the Bible, it is in there for a reason

## God wants us to see the problem through the lens of beauty

## You can let the hard knocks of life beat you down to where you lose sight of the beauty

We can go through hell in our lives, but we need to realize God is always faithful and always there for us You have to be like a child in your relationship with people or you will allow their issues to affect your life

## Never quit believing that the next person you talk to loves you and believes in you

## Spirit of child is a spirit of mystery, wonder and innocence

## Spirit of child is every moment is a new experience in life

Innocence means to live with no walls up, vulnerable and open to what God has for you

# God is still a good

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