**The Supernatural Nature Of The Mission**

**Acts 3:1-26**

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”* Acts 1:8

*"All the research studies of which I am aware, including my own, return to one major theme to explain the exodus of church members: a sense of some need not being filled. In other words, these members have ideas of what a local congregation should provide for them, and they leave because those provisions have not been met."* Thom Rainer

*They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.* Acts 2:42 (NASB)

I. The MIRACLE Of Healing

A. You can't give what you don't POSSESS

*But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold,* *but what I do have I give to you.*

B. Real change comes from the POWER of Jesus

*And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.*

Put these two on the same slide:

*It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him.* NIV

*And the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health.* NASB

***28****Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* ***29****Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.****30****For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”* Matthew 11:28-30

C. Real change results in PRAISE

*And leaping up he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.*

II. The MESSAGE Of Hope

A. God's PROMISE is fulfilled in spite of opposition

*But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.*

B. God's PARDON is applied to all who repent

*Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out*

C. God's PRESENCE is enjoyed in the age to come

*that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,*

III. The MAKING Of History

*‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’*

**Last Thought:** The only solution to the CRIPPLED nature of the human condition is to experience the supernatural WHOLENESS that is found in Christ.