Devotion

Scripture: Acts 3: 1-9

**Praising God**

I am the guiltiest of failing to praise God after He does a miracle in my life. I love this passage of the lame man who sat at the gate of the temple, which is called Beautiful. He was there to collect money to get him through the day. However, he received a much greater gift. He received the gift of being able to walk. My favorite verse in this passage is after he received his healing. In verse 8, Luke states, “*And he leaping up stood, and walked and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God*.” This man wasted no time in wanting to praise God. I love the use and location of the word l*eaping*. The word is located after the word *walking*. I can just picture him walking and leaping to the temple, praising God. The scene from *The Wizard of Oz* of Dorothy and the other characters skipping to see the wizard is what comes to my mind when I think of this man leaping and praising God on his way to the temple. This man now had a testimony and was ready for the world to know what God had done for him. We read in verse 9, “*And all the people saw him walking and praising God.”* This man was not holding anything back. He was not self-conscious in wanting to praise the Lord and share his testimony.

Dear Heavenly Father,
 So many times I have prayed for you to deliver me from trials and tribulations. Each and every single time you have been there for me and delivered me from those situations. Lord, I have failed you in so many ways by not praising you like I should for always being there for me. Lord, I pray that I am found with a heart of praise like the lame man. May I always be found leaping and praising your name for you are worthy of all the praise and honor. Lord, I love you with all my heart. In Christ name, Amen!

 In Christ,
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