

**Acts 1-10: God's Blueprint for Ministry in the Church
Alms, Legs and Salvation
Acts 3:1-4:4 (page 757)**

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God sends me to a crippled society (3:1-10)

- Sin has crippled mankind in every way
(Isa 53:6; Rom 3:10-18, 23; Mark 7:17-20)
- Only Jesus Christ can bring the healing mankind needs
(Acts 4:12)

God sends me with divine authority (3:6-8, 11-16)

- There is power and authority in the name of Jesus
(Matt 28:18; Phil 2:9-11)
- By that name, God gives authority to bring:
 - Healing to those broken by sin
(Acts 8:4-8; 9:32-35; 28:7-10)
 - Salvation to those held captive by sin
(Acts 8:12; 9:27-28; 19:17-20; 22:16)

**God sends me with a powerful truth that changes lives
(3:17-26)**

- Because Jesus died in our place, for our sin:
 - We are all responsible for His death
(Rom 3:9; 5:12-14; Eph 2:1-3)
 - We are all responsible to respond to His deliverance
(John 1:10-12; Acts 10:42-43; 16:31-32; 26:28-29; 2 Ths 2:9-10)

God sends me in spite of opposition to the truth (4:1-4)

- We should understand and know that opposition:
 - Will arise whenever the truth is proclaimed
(John 15:18-25; 16:1-4; Acts 14:19-20; 17:5-10; 22:22-24)
 - Will not stop the progress of God's kingdom purposes
(Matt 16:18; John 16:33; Acts 16:5; Rev 22:12-17)

Making it stick...

What crippled area of your life needs Jesus' healing touch?

How can you be bold in encouraging others to come to Christ? Explain.

Have you ever experienced opposition and even hostility when speaking of Jesus to others? How did you respond? Would you do anything different next time? What?