

Last Week's Sermon Summary

『In Jesus' Name』

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Ezekiel 37:1-10, Acts 3:1-10

① [Give what you have]

When Peter and John went up to the temple, they brought in a man who was crippled from birth. He had been placed by the gate of the temple, called the "beautiful gate," every day to receive alms from those who came to the temple. He also asked Peter and John for alms. Peter said, "I have no gold or silver, but I will give you what I have. He took the man's right hand and helped him to his feet. His legs became strong, he leaped to his feet, and he began to walk. What was it that Peter had? It was Christ and the Holy Spirit. So it is with us. If Christ leaves me, I lose authority, I lose power, I lose life, and I become as useless as salt that has lost its saltiness. If the Holy Spirit leaves me, I will lose my faith, I will not be able to lay hands on him, I will not be able to heal, I will not be able to speak. Christ gave His apostles "power and authority to overcome every evil spirit and to heal the sick." (Luke 9:1). This is a power that every Christian who is made the body of Christ has. We must let that gift flourish. Paul said to his disciple Timothy, "I have given you by the laying on of my hands. I urge you to rekindle the gift of God that has been given to you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us the spirit of timidity, but the spirit of power and love and discretion." (II Timothy 1:6-7) By again, I mean that it was burning before and now it is smoldering. St. Seraphim of Sarlov, a

19th century Russian saint, was not a man of special education, but he was a man of great faith from his early childhood. He was given the gift of the Holy Spirit. He greeted everyone he met with the words, "My joy, my treasure," and said, "Acquire a peaceful heart. Then thousands around you will be saved. He said that this "peaceful heart" is the fruit (character) that the Holy Spirit produces, and that the purpose of life is to acquire the Holy Spirit. First, we must examine our own faith. Do you have Christ and the Holy Spirit?

② [What it means to walk in the name of Jesus Christ]

When they saw that the lame man had been healed, a large crowd gathered. Then Peter said to them, "The name of Jesus strengthened this man whom you see and know. This is because of faith in his name. It was faith in Jesus that completely healed this man before you all" (Acts 3:16). (Acts 3:16). He had been unable to walk since birth and had always depended on others. He stopped that way of life and began to live relying on Jesus Christ. He began to live his life relying on Jesus Christ, saying, "Jesus will make me live, Jesus will heal me, Jesus will make me stand up and walk. The name of Jesus itself does not have "magical power. No matter how many times I call his name, if I don't believe in Jesus himself, miracles will not happen. The name reveals the body. Believing in Christ means, specifically, obeying His words. He who loves me will keep my word." ...He who does not love me does not keep my word." (John 14:23, 24). Because he was told to do so.

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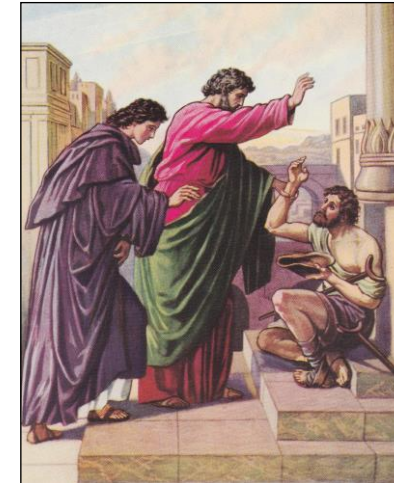
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《Healing a man with disabled legs》

Miyakojima Church's 2025 Mission Policy

Motto : "Let's prepare for the construction of the church "

Scripture : " The toil of those who build houses is in vain, unless the Lord Himself builds them " (Psalm 127:1)

Goals for FY2024

- 1 Observe worship services every week and aim for an average of 27 people to attend services.
- 2 We invite one person to worship in one year.
- 3 We value the fellowship of believers.
- 4 Make concrete preparations for the construction of the church.