

KEY VERSE:

*Then Peter said, 'Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you.
In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.'*

Acts 3: 6



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**The Church Grows
& Spreads 1:**

**Peter and John
Father's Day**



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KNOW WHAT:

- Today we start a new series about how the church grew and spread after the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- After the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, they met together, prayed together, then spoke and performed miracles in Jesus' name.
- Today we hear that Peter and James who went to the Temple as usual, but on the way spoke to a lame man at the Beautiful Gate entrance. The man was hoping for money. Peter and James explained they had no money to give, but offered what they had – the power of Jesus. They commanded the lame man to get up and he did - he was healed. People who knew him were amazed at what happened.
- Today is also Father's Day. We celebrate all who are fathers, or act like fathers to us.

SO WHAT:

- Peter and John were not acting in their own strength, but in the power of the Holy Spirit. They shared what they had. We too need to rely on the Holy Spirit and let God use us.
- As in today's Bible story, life is about more than needing money. Just as Peter and John cared for the lame man, families are richer when fathers share their time, care and faith with their children.

NOW WHAT:

- We thank God for all fathers and father figures here today
- Let's expect God to use us this week

BOOK RECOMMENDATION:

Sixty Minute Father by Rob Parsons

THE SIXTY MINUTE FATHER sets goals to help every father ensure that he doesn't miss out on the greatest opportunity of his life. His advice includes: Put dates in your diary that are important for your children; talk to your baby as if she understands every word; if you have to be away write your children a letter; tell them how you spend your day.

This is a book for fathers that every mother will want to read!

The man who reinvented fatherhood. (Lynda Lee Potter, Daily Mail)

A brilliant book. (Paul Johnson, Daily Mail)

This book takes only an hour to read, but this practical book on fatherhood could change your child's life forever. No-one was ever heard to say on their death-bed, 'I wish I had spent more time at the office'.

Rob Parsons is the bestselling author of THE SIXTY MINUTE GRANDPARENT, TEENAGERS! and THE SIXTY MINUTE FATHER. He speaks internationally on family issues and is the Executive Chairman of Care for the Family, which is a registered charity and its work is motivated by Christian compassion. The resources and support it provides are available to everyone, of any faith or none.

