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The Need That God Sees

There's a story in the Bible (Acts 3) about a man who was born lame. Unable to earn an income, he was carried daily to a place where he could lie at the entrance of the local temple to beg. In his helpless condition, **all he expected from passersby was the tossing of a few coins into his cup – a little financial help.** He was surprised when two disciples of Jesus, Peter and John, stopped in front of him and Peter demanded, **“Look on us!”** Such an unusual request must surely mean a good donation, but Peter went on to say, “Silver and gold have I none.” What? He had been asked for his full attention only to be told that the men had nothing to give him? But Peter's next words proclaimed that **in the name of Jesus the man should “Arise and walk!”** As Peter's empty hand shot out to take hold of his own right hand, the beggar found himself responding to the authority of Jesus to change his circumstances; he felt strength creep into his feet and up through his ankles until he was able to not only stand and walk, but also to leap and praise God! He joyously joined Peter and John in going to the temple to pray!

Perhaps there are times in our lives when we are focused only on our secular circumstances, like **the financial help** we need, but God sees our truest need. Perhaps, like the beggar, we need to “look at” or even search out **those who believe in the power of Jesus Christ** to help us – this looking, or searching, can be our response to the command to “rise up” or make an effort to move toward God. We may well soon find ourselves walking and leaping and praising God!

–Submitted by pastor's sister-in-law, Grace Lundmark