

People's Church

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**3** Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. **2** As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money.

**4** Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" **5** The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. **6** But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!"

**7** Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. **8** He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.

**9** All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. **10** When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded! **11** They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John.

Acts 3:1 - 11 NLT

## EMOTIONAL PASSION REQUIRES...

### 1. MEANINGFUL PURPOSE

**4** But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God."

Isaiah 49:4 NIV

### 2. BOUNDARIES That Match Your PURPOSE

**2** It is senseless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, fearing you will starve to death; for God wants his loved ones to get their proper rest.

Psalms 127:2 LB

**4** I have also learned why people work so hard to succeed: it is because they envy the things their neighbors have. But it is useless. It is like chasing the wind.

Ecclesiastes 4:4 GN

## **RELATIONAL PASSION REQUIRES...**

### **1. HEALTHY COMMUNITY**

<sup>2</sup> Surely resentment destroys the fool, and jealousy kills the simple.

Job 5:2 NLT

<sup>4</sup> You are only hurting yourself with your anger. Will the earth be deserted because you are angry? Will God move mountains to satisfy you?

Job 18:4 GN

### **2. INTERDEPENDENCE**

<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:

<sup>10</sup> If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NIV

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV

## **SPIRITUAL PASSION REQUIRES...**

### **1. HEART EXAMINATION**

<sup>40</sup> Let us look closely at our ways and examine them and then return to the LORD.

Lamentations 3:40 GW

### **2. A WELL FED SOUL**

<sup>3</sup> Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Deuteronomy 8:3 NLT

<sup>22</sup> for they fill you with living energy and bring you honor and respect.

Proverbs 3:22 LB

<sup>17</sup>No one can have faith without hearing the message about Christ.

Romans 10:17 CEV

### **3. TRUTH APPLICATION**

<sup>5</sup>In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge,

2 Peter 1:5 NLT

" But anyone who puts it into practice will be blessed in every undertaking. "

James 1:25 NJB

### **4. TELLING YOUR STORY**

"... you are God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night - and-day difference he made for you! "

1 Peter 2:9 MSG

<sup>41</sup>Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

#### **The Believers Form a Community**

<sup>42</sup>All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

<sup>43</sup>A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>44</sup>And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup>They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. <sup>46</sup>They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— <sup>47</sup>all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 2: 41-47 NLT