

## More love, more power



The healing power of Jesus Christ works through love. Love was the motive behind His every act of power, whether it was feeding the multitude or raising the dead. Peter and John had been trained in Jesus' 'healing school' and knew the score. Healing the sick was part of the kingdom message of repentance from sin, faith in Jesus as Messiah and renewal by the Holy Spirit. They were called to preach the good news of the Gospel.

Peter gave the briefest of directive – "Walk" – and then extended to help the man to his feet. Faith without love (1 Cor 13:2) is as worthless and lifeless as faith without action (James 2:26). Love and practical assistance touched this man and awakened faith in what he heard. He then jumped to his feet and found that he was miraculously able to walk by the power of God.

Love is practical as well as powerful. Love reaches into dead and damaged places of the heart and breathes life back in us. Love helps us feel we are worth something. When our love tanks are full, we are energized and strong and thrive in our environment. People languish for love and a warm touch. Love is meant to be our home and a place where miracles can happen.

*And if I have the gift of prophecy, and I know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. (1 Cor 13:2)*

*Lord I want to be rooted in You. Let love deepen in me as I reach out to family, friends, my students and the community in meaningful ways.*