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A Pattern Revealed in Luke-Acts...

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THE FIRST APOSTOLIC MIRACLE

1. The Orchestrated Setting 3:1-2
2. The Miraculous Healing 3:3-7

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3. The Amazing Aftermath 3:8-11

The man is joyful... God is praised... The people are astonished!

CLOSED CIRCUIT FOR NEW LIFE

- Let’s be sensitive to the Holy Spirit prompting us to meet needs that are right in front of us
- Let’s be focused on people we pass by every day, and be willing to stop and give them our full and undivided attention
- Let’s be willing to share with others what God has so graciously given us, especially JESUS!
- *Let’s be ready to give praise to God for what He has done!*

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