

## **Exhibit A**

*Acts 3:1-10*

Luke has spoken of the early Christian's activities as the Church and the atmosphere in which those activities took place. The Holy Spirit was at work in the believers' lives revealing the wonders and miracles, the fellowship and the ministry that resulted in the daily addition of new believers to the Body of Christ. Now Luke describes a series of events that reveal both the successes and turmoil of the early Church. In doing so, Luke sets forth a statement of the relationship that the Church has to the world around it. On one hand the Church must faithfully witness of the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ and on the other hand, it must resist all efforts by the world to compromise its message and its moral integrity. If the Church is to witness faithfully it must proclaim a message of courageous warning touched with sensitivity and compassion. Luke selects a well-known story of a miraculous healing and the sermon that resulted to illustrate the roll of the Church in the world.

### ***What is required of a courageous witness?***

- (1) ***It demands and commands attention v.4***
- (2) ***It requires a change of values/desires v. 6***
- (3) ***It demands that we share what we possess v. 6***
- (4) ***It's foundation . . . "in the name of Jesus" v. 6***