

# Acts 3:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

## Analysis

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Peter's physical action - taking him 'by the right hand, and lifted him up' - accompanied the verbal command. 'Immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength' indicates instant, complete healing. The Greek medical terms (sphaira for ankle bones) suggest Luke's physician's vocabulary.

## Historical Context

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Luke's detailed anatomical description (feet, ankle bones) reflects his medical training. The immediate strengthening of previously atrophied muscles constituted a creative miracle, not gradual recovery.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. What does Peter's combination of word and action teach about ministry?
2. How does immediate complete healing demonstrate divine rather than natural restoration?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ πιάσας αὐτοῦ τῆς δεξιᾶς χειρὸς ἤγειρεν  
**And** **he took** **him** <sup>G3588</sup> **by the right** **hand** **and lifted him up**  
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παραχρῆμα δὲ ἐστερεώθησαν αὐτοῦ αἱ βάσεις καὶ τὰ  
**immediately** **and** **received strength** **him** <sup>G3588</sup> **feet** **And** <sup>G3588</sup>  
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σφῦρα  
**ankle bones**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Mark 1:31** (Parallel theme): And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

**Mark 5:41** (Parallel theme): And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

**Mark 9:27** (Parallel theme): But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

**Acts 9:41** (Parallel theme): And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

**Luke 13:13** (Parallel theme): And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.