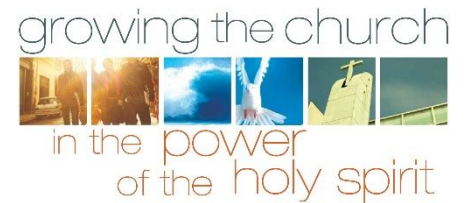


## Video 5A

# Step #7. Seeing and Responding to *Kairos* Moments



Jesus healed the lame man at the Beautiful Gate through Peter's obedience as he discerned this moment of opportunity and stepped out in faith. The man was healed, which also created an opportunity for a powerful proclamation of the Gospel that led to many coming to faith (Acts 3 – 4). *Kairos* moments are occasions of pregnant opportunity as God prepares to act and seeks human cooperation – perhaps an instant for ministry, or a new season in church life. We need to learn to recognize and respond to these moments and also to cultivate them in the schedules and life of the Church

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### ***Chronos* time and *kairos* time**

- ❖ *Chronos* – measured time John 14:9
- ❖ *Kairos* – the 'now' time of opportunity Mark 1:15 – "The time has come"

### **Kairos - a terrible responsibility!**

Almighty God constrains himself to work with fallible humans in fulfilling his purposes

- ❖ We take a risk of obeying
- ❖ God also takes the risk ...of us disobeying

## **Cultivating the Seventh Dynamic in the Congregation**

1. Teach about *kairos* moments and provide discernment
  - ❖ Stirring, stillness, quickening or sense of expectation.
  - ❖ Sense of sweetness, heaviness, or something like the lull before a thunderstorm.
  - ❖ An awareness that is hard to articulate, as if time is being touched with eternity.
  - ❖ A deep knowing that, "Now I, the Lord, am going to work!"
  - ❖ Mental image / awareness of the Spirit moving
2. Commit to obedience
  - ❖ Determine in advance that you will be obedient
  - ❖ Give explicit permission for people to obey the Spirit -  
Not license, but liberty to follow the Spirit's lead
3. Pray for God to advance his Kingdom
  - ❖ Pray for and welcome *Kairos*
  - ❖ Keep the focus right - *kairos* moments are for a purpose, not for excitement
4. Acts 4:29-33 – a *Kairos* moment