



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

Lord, you are a great and awesome God! I pray that you might move in mighty ways for your glory and mission and that you would use me and my church to that end.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Acts 9:32-43)

³² Now as Peter was traveling through all those regions, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. ³³ There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years, for he was paralyzed. ³⁴ Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed." Immediately he got up. ³⁵ And all who lived at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated in Greek is called Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did. ³⁷ And it happened at that time that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her body, they laid it in an upper room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, having heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him, imploring him, "Do not delay in coming to us." ³⁹ So Peter arose and went with them. When he arrived, they brought him into the upper room; and all the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² It became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ And Peter stayed many days in Joppa with a tanner named Simon.

O – Observe what God has said

How does the healing of Aeneas uniquely glorify God and draw attention to Jesus?

How does the raising of Tabitha uniquely glorify God and draw attention to Jesus?

W – Work on Application

For those who are disciples following the Lord Jesus, we need to remember that the same God who healed the paralyzed and raised the dead is actively engaged in the world around us as we continue to advance His mission in the world. If we remembered that, it would affect the way that we pray and the way that we serve. My challenge to us today, in lieu of what we saw God do through Peter in this passage, is to pray big and serve as though God will come through. When we do, we can expect God to move in glorious ways.

What is a bold prayer that you need to pray for this week? What can keep us from expecting much from God?

Family Discipleship Resource

Oct 5-11

(Acts 9:32-43)

Family Weekly Memory Verse: *"It became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord."-Acts 9:42*