

**Overview:**

A few weeks ago there was a large chalkboard in a busy area of New York City and people were asked to write down their biggest regrets in life. As the chalkboard began to fill up there became a common theme represented. The word that constantly repeated was “not.” Some of the things written were “not pursuing my MBA,” “not getting involved,” “not being a better friend,” “not saying I love you,” and “not making the most of everyday.” Overall people had regrets of actions not taken. At the end of the day people were given an eraser and allowed to get rid of their regrets and start with a clean slate.

For Christians the list of regrets might follow the same pattern as non-believers. But when it comes to regrets about faith there can be a common theme. Believers can have regrets about not sharing their faith, not showing love to a neighbor or co-worker, not having a life of impact on those around them.

In Acts 9 we read about a lady named Tabitha that had a huge impact on those around her. She had such an impact that when she died people didn’t want to let her go. They didn’t just come to say goodbye. They sent for the Apostle Peter to see if he could help. This is an amazing story of how one life can have a tremendous impact.

You don’t really hear people say they regret mentoring a youth, regret serving breakfast to the poor or regret sharing their faith to a neighbor. There are endless ways that believers can have an impact with the people that are in their lives. Live a life of faith with no regrets. Read the story of Tabitha and get involved.

**Bible Study:** Acts 9:36-43

1. Read Acts 9:36-43. Discuss what a life of impact looks like in today’s world.
2. Tabitha had such an impact on those around her that they were not going to let death take her away. What motivated Tabitha to help those around her?
3. Peter traveled 10 miles to get to Tabitha. Why did he raise her from the dead? Was it to do more good works?
4. What are some ways you can have an impact where you work and in your neighborhood?
5. In what ways are serving and sharing the Gospel of Jesus connected?
6. “A good test of Christian character is how people treat those considered unimportant in society, especially when no one is looking.”<sup>1</sup> What role does the church have in helping the needy members of society?
7. Inevitably all of us will have a eulogy read for us one day. If you could erase all your regrets what do you want yours to say?

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<sup>1</sup> Fernando, A. (1998). *Acts* (p. 314). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House.