

A SERIES OF ASTONISHING EVENTS THE BOOK OF ACTS

Bible study for the week starting October 30, 2022

SHARE

1. The reformation was a re-focusing on the words of Jesus. In our Acts reading for today, Peter was focused on the words of Jesus as he brought Jesus' healing to two individuals. What has your experience been when praying for healing? What are the dangers and pitfalls that can happen when we pray for healing?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Psalm 46**. What words bring comfort?
2. Read **Acts 9:32-35**
 - a. The Gospel connects Peter with people he wouldn't otherwise have known (Aeneas v.33; Dorcas v. 36; Simon v. 43) Who have you come to know because of the Gospel? Church relationships? Mission connections?
 - b. Peter meets a paralyzed man named Aeneas and heals him. Look at **Mark 2:1-12**.
 - i. How do these two stories compare? What is similar about them?
3. Read **Acts 9:36-39**
 - a. Peter learns of a disciple named Dorcas who died. Dorcas was "always doing good and helping the poor." Who do you know that is like Dorcas?
 - b. Part of Dorcas's legacy was the "robes that she had made (v.39)" If you were to die, what have you left behind?
4. Read **Acts 9:40-43**
 - a. Read the account of Dorcas coming back to life. Then read **Mark 5:38-43**. How do these two stories compare?
5. What is the healing that Jesus was about to work in Peter? (v.43) It was a move from physical healing to spiritual. (if you aren't sure, look at the next chapter)

PRAY

Pray for physical healing for those in your life, (make a list) and then any spiritual healing or hurt you may have. Pray that we can live and rest in the words of Jesus.

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A Series of Astonishing Events: Red Letter Refuge

Acts 9:32-43

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Psalm 46:1,10 “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble...

...Be **STILL** and know that I am God.”

מָחֶסֶת - *machaseh*- hope, place of **REFUGE**, shelter, trust

1) When God chooses **TO USE** you, He’s not done **CHANGING** you.

2) It takes more faith for a **TRAGEDY** than it does for a **MIRACLE**.

Pray with **EXPECTATION**.

Pray with **SUBMISSION**.

Pray with **PERSISTENCY**.

3) A disciple takes refuge in the **RED LETTERS**.

PETER: Jesus Christ Heals you; rise and make your bed. –

JESUS: **“I SAY TO YOU, RISE, PICK UP YOUR BED, AND GO HOME”**

PETER: Tabitha, arise

JESUS: **“TALITHA, ARISE”**

For next week, read Acts 10:1-48