

The Book of
ACTS

PETER'S FAITHFULNESS & FRUITFULNESS

(Acts 9:32-43)

Outline of the Book of Acts (Timeline):

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30 AD. (Acts 1): Jesus Christ crucified, buried, & Risen! Appears to more than 500, instructs the disciples, and ascends to heaven.

(Acts 2): The Holy Spirit comes & 3000 people are saved!

31 AD. (Acts 3-4): The lame man healed at the temple gate; the church in Jerusalem grows to 8000; Peter & John testify of Jesus before the Jewish Sanhedrin.

32 AD. (Acts 5): Ananias & Saphira judged by God; many people healed and demons cast out; the Apostles imprisoned again and miraculously set free.

33 AD. (Acts 6-7): First deacons chosen in the church to deal with a problem; many Jewish priests are saved; Stephen's ministry leads to his martyrdom.

34 AD. (Acts 8): Persecution breaks out against the church in Jerusalem lead by Saul of Tarsus; the church is scattered but goes preaching the word; Philip the Deacon takes the Gospel to Samaria and many are saved.

35-37 AD. (Acts 9): Saul (Paul) meets Jesus on the road to Damascus and surrenders in salvation! He begins to spread the Gospel.

I. THE BIG PICTURE: LESSONS

- **Acts 1:8**—"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES! WHAT HE HAS SAID HE WILL DO!

*After 7 years, probably more than 100 towns and villages have been impacted with the good news of Jesus

*2 Corinthians 1:20—"For all the promises of God in Him (Jesus) are Yes, and In Him Amen, to the glory of God through us."

*WHAT PROMISES...are you claiming before the Lord today? What promises has He spoken to your heart?

- **Acts 8:4**—"Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word."

GOD'S PLAN SUCCEEDS IN BOTH GOOD TIMES AND BAD!

*Neither persecution nor the work of Satan can stop God's plans.

*If you are walking through difficulty right now, God is still working in the midst of it!

*Read Romans 8:35-39

*DON'T GIVE UP!

II. PETER'S FAITHFULNESS & FRUITFULNESS!

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A. PETER MOVED WITH AN EVAGELISTIC _____!

1. He moved throughout the country West to the Mediterranean Sea sharing Jesus with people.
2. **Philippians 2:12**—"Work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure."
3. Pray for heart and eyes that go after the lost

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4. Aeneas (probably a lost man) was healed of paralysis; many turn to the Lord in Lydda!
5. Your Kingdom Hit List—Who do you know in your life that needs to be saved?

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B. PETER FOLLOWED THE LEAD OF THE _____!

1. From Lydda, it's 11 miles to Joppa. They asked Peter to come immediately and not to delay. Peter saw this as God's opportunity.
2. Tabitha (Dorcas) who had passed away was resurrected from the dead!
3. In Joppa (which is about 55 miles North of Gaza), multitudes of people come to saving faith in Jesus Christ.
4. AND NOW...because Peter has been obedient to go where the Spirit leads, He is strategically placed for one of the most important ministry moments in his life! (See Acts 10.)
5. If God would answer your prayer & work a miracle, what would you ask from Him?

