Acts 9:32-43

Ministry To The Helpless

- **John 14:12-13,** "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, **the works that I do, he will do also**…Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be **glorified in the Son**."

- **1. The Helpless Man**

  - **Acts 9:33-35**, There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, **Jesus Christ heals you**; get up and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and **they turned to the Lord**.

  - **John 9:3**, Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might **be displayed in him**."

  - **God is glorified in the mundane.**

- **2. The Helpless Mourners**

  - **Acts 9:36**, "Tabitha (Dorcas) was abounding with **deeds of kindness and charity** which she **continually** did."

  - **1 Timothy 6:18-19**, "Instruct them to do good, to be **rich in good works**, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may **take hold** of that which is life indeed."

  - **Acts 9:38**, 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."

  - **Ephesians 6:18**, "With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition **for all the saints**."

  - **Acts 9:40&42**, 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**…It became known all over, and **many believed in the Lord**."

  - **Philippians 1:22-24**, "If I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean **fruitful labor** for me…I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the **desire to depart and be with Christ**…yet to remain on in the flesh is more **necessary for your sake**."

- **Philippians 2:27,** “He was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and also on me, so that I would **not have sorrow upon sorrow**.”
- **You’re still here for a reason.**

- **3. The Helpless Metier**
  - **Acts 9:43**, “And he stayed in Joppa **for many days** with one Simon, **a tanner**.”
  - **Romans 12:16**, “Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but **associate with the lowly**.”
  - **Luke 2:10-11**, But the angel said to [**the shepherds**], “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been **born for you a Savior**, who is Christ the Lord.”
  - **Romans 5:6**, “For while we were still **helpless**, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.”
  - **There is hope for the helpless.**