

# DISCOVERY NOTES

*Equipping Trinity Fellowship families to think, live, and be like Jesus.*

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## GET UP AND WALK

Acts 9:32-43

### INTRODUCTION

Acts 9:32-43 marks a significant turning point in the early Christian church, showcasing the apostles' ministry beyond Jerusalem. This passage highlights two miraculous events performed by God through the ministry of the Apostle Peter on the coastal plain of Israel. These powerful demonstrations of God's work through the apostles not only brought comfort and joy to individuals and communities but also led many to turn to the Lord, illustrating the continued spread of the Gospel and the growth of the early church.

### THIS WEEK:

Discover this week how God validates the testimony of the Apostles that Jesus is the Son of God who gives eternal life in the book of Acts and how believers today can carry on their message in spite of living in an age of fewer miracles.

### OBSERVATION *What does it SAY?*

Discover key details of the passage by reading Acts 9:32-43 and then answering the following questions:

1. Describe the man the Lord healed through Peter in Lydia. Who was he, what was his problem, and what did God do (vv.32-35)?
2. Describe the lady the Lord healed in vv. 36-41. What was her name, what was special about her?
3. Where in Joppa did the miracle take place, and what did Peter do (v.39)?
4. What was the result among the people of the miracle performed on the man? What was the result among the people of the miracle performed on the woman (v. 35, v. 42)?

5. How does Peter's statement to Aeneas in verse 34 compare with Jesus' words when healing the paralytic in Mark 2:11? What might this similarity suggest?

6. In what ways does the raising of Tabitha parallel the raising of Jairus' daughter in Mark 5:35-43? What might these parallels indicate about Peter's role in continuing Jesus' ministry?

7. How does Acts 1:8 provide context for understanding the purpose of these miracles performed by Peter?



*Peter Raises Dorcas from the Dead.* Horne, Charles, and Julius Bewer. *The Bible and Its Story: Acts—Epistles, Apostles to Revelation.* Vol. 10. New York, NY: Francis R. Niglutsch, 1910.

8. How does the reaction of the people in Lydda, Sharon, and Joppa (Acts 9:35, 42) relate to the purpose of signs and wonders as described in John 20:30-31?

### **INTERPRETATION** *What does it MEAN?*

Use the Bible to interpret the Bible. Look up the cross references and use them to interpret the passage under study:

9. How can we, as modern believers, continue the ministry of Jesus in our daily lives, even if we don't perform miraculous healings?

10. In Acts 9:32-43, we see God's power working through Peter to continue Jesus' ministry. How can we align our lives and actions to be instruments of God's power in our current context?
  
  
  
  
  
11. Peter's miracles led to many people turning to the Lord (Acts 9:35, 42). In what ways can our lives and actions today create opportunities for others to encounter God's love and power?
  
  
  
  
  
12. The passage shows both dramatic miracles and Tabitha's consistent life of good works. How can we maintain a balance between seeking God for "big" moments of impact and faithfully serving in small, everyday ways?

#### **TAKE AWAY *How does this change me?***

13. What does this passage reveal about God?
  
  
  
  
  
14. What does this passage reveal about humanity?
  
  
  
  
  
15. What is the Holy Spirit revealing in this passage about your life?