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Text: Acts: 10:1-23

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<sup>1</sup> In Caesarea there lived a Roman army officer named Cornelius, who was a captain of the Italian Regiment. <sup>2</sup> He was a devout, God fearing, as was everyone in his household, gave alms liberally to the people, and prayed constantly to God. <sup>3</sup> About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision in which he saw an angel of God coming toward him and saying to him “Cornelius.” <sup>4</sup> And he stared at him in terror, and said “what is it Lord?” And he said to him “your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. <sup>5</sup> And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. <sup>6</sup> He is lodging with Simon, a tanner whose house is by the seaside. <sup>7</sup> When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those that waited on him. <sup>8</sup> And having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa. <sup>9</sup> The next day as they were on their journey and coming near the city, Peter went on the house top to pray, about the sixth hour. <sup>10</sup> And he became hungry and desired something to eat; but while they were preparing the meal he fell into a trance. <sup>11</sup> And saw the heaven open, and something descending, like a great sheet, let down by four corners upon the earth. <sup>12</sup> In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>13</sup> And there came a voice to him, “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.” <sup>14</sup> But Peter said, “No Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean. <sup>15</sup> And the voice came to him again a second time, “What God has cleansed, you must not call uncommon.” <sup>16</sup> This happened three times and the thing was taken up at once to heaven. <sup>17</sup> Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision which he had seen might mean, behold, the men that were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon’s house, stood before the gate <sup>18</sup> And called out to ask whether Simon who was called Peter was lodging there? <sup>19</sup> And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Behold three men are looking for you. <sup>20</sup> Rise and go down, and accompany them without hesitation; for I have sent them.” <sup>21</sup> And Peter went down to the men and said “I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for you coming?” <sup>22</sup> And they said Corelius, a centurion, an upright and God fearing man , who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house, and hear what you have to say.” <sup>23</sup> So he called them in to be his guests. The next day he rose and went with them, and some of the brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

So, we see something miraculous that is about to happen. But if we dig into what happened, it is nothing short of a miracle.

Lets read a verse before we start to unfold this message,

**Matthew 28:18-20**

*<sup>18</sup> Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying “all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth <sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the son, and of the Holy Ghost. <sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you always to the end of the age.”*



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So I got ahead of myself.

**Acts 10:1-8 CORNELIUS VISION**

A man Corenlius of the Italian cohort (a unit of Roman auxiliary soldiers stationed in Caesarea, Palestine).

He was one of the first if not the first Gentiles to convert to a Christian

Comments indicate that even before his conversion, he was sympathetic to the Jewish people that were stationed among him. He also worshiped God openly.

Cornelius (who prayed continuously) was located in Caesarea and one day at about the ninth hour (about 3 PMish) he saw clearly a vision. An angel of God came to him and said , “Cornelius” he became afraid. The Angel said “your prayers and good deeds have been noticed in heaven. Oh, send men to Joppa and look for Simon (Peter). He is staying with Simon a tanner who lives by the sea shore. He sent two men and a devout soldier. They left the next day, This trip should have taken 2 to 3 days.

**Act 10:9-16 PETERS VISION**

As they were approaching the city, Peter went up to the house top to pray at the sixth hour (about noonish).

He was hungry and wanted to eat. While they prepared the food he fell into a trance. He saw a large sheet come down which contained all kinds of creatures, four footed animals, reptiles, and birds. A voice came to him saying get up Peter, kill and eat.

Peter replied “I will not”. I have never ate anything unholy or unclean. This was Moses Law outlining kosher foods. Prohibiting smoked pulled pork, shellfish, camels, rabbits, Just some examples.

**Leviticus and Deuteronomy**

Devine instructions given to the Israelites to distinguish them as a holy people set apart for God. Consecrated (set apart) exclusively for God.

Peter was told that God had cleansed all!!!!!! ALL!!!  
THREE times he had to tell. Old habits are hard to break.

**ACT 10:17- 23**

While Peter was in doubt, Cornelius men made it to the gate of the Tannen man. The Spirit said to Peter, “The Spirit told him to go with these men.”



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Both men were in prayer.  
Both men received the same message and were lead,  
Both men obeyed.  
Both men were perplexed,

They ushered the new church to new views and breaking old ways.

**APPLICATIONS:**

- i. PRAY
  - Expect a visit from God, from the Holy Spirit.
  - Love Him
  - Adore Him
  - Praise Him
  - Worship Him
  
- ii. Breakdown Prejudice(s)
  - God is not a respecter of people. He is here for all. Stop labeling people as worthy and unworthy.
  
- iii. Embrace culture inclusion.
  - The facts should be faced, we are different. It means we need them, as they need us.
  
- iv. Obey Prompting
  - Because its different, because its hard, because its uncomfortable. DO IT!
  
- v. Practice radical Hospitality
  - Welcome people into our homes. Especially when they don't fit our normal.
  
- vi. Rely on the Holy Spirit
  - Truth, He is before us, He is besides us, wherever we are, He is there