

“THE HEALING THAT COMES FROM GOD; AENEAS HEALED; DORCAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD” - ACTS 9:32-43

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Act 1:1 Act 9:32 Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda.

Act 9:33 There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed.

Act 9:34 And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise(anastethi) and make your bed." Then he arose immediately.

Act 9:35 So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Act 9:36 At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did.

Act 9:37 But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

IT COULD HAPPEN ANYWHERE!

v. 32 “in Lydda” ; v. 36 “At Joppa” - Notice Peter is now involved in itinerant ministry.

IT DID NOT DEPEND UPON THE SICK PERSON'S FAITH!

v. 33 “a certain man” – “certain man”

v. 36 “a certain disciple” – “certain disciple”

v. 37 “became sick and died” – “fell sick and died”

turned to the Lord. – Notice how the miracle resulted in people coming to the Lord!

IT DEALT WITH SERIOUS AND OBSERVABLE ILLNESS!

v. 33 “bedridden eight years and was paralyzed.” – “bedridden 8 years” - “paralyzed”

v. 37 “became sick and died” – “fell sick and died” cf. John 11:2; 5:5

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Peter’s first miracle had been the healing of a crippled man (Act_3:1-26), and now that miracle was repeated. As you read the Book of Acts, you will see **parallels between the ministries of Peter and Paul**. Both healed cripples. Both were arrested and put into jail and were miraculously delivered. Both were treated like gods (Act_10:25-26; Act_14:8-18), and both gave a bold witness before the authorities. Both had to confront false prophets (Act_8:9-24; Act_13:6-12). No one reading the Book of Acts could end up saying, “I am for Paul!” or “I am for Peter!” (1Co_1:12) “But it is the same God which works all in all” (1Co_12:6).

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Act 9:38 And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them.

Act 9:39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them.

Act 9:40 But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise (anastethi)." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.

Act 9:41 Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

Act 9:42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

Act 9:43 So it was that he stayed many days in Joppa with Simon, a tanner.

IT WAS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF APOSTOLIC AUTHORITY –
Acts 9:38

Matthew 10:1, 8; Mark 6:12-13 (why the use of anointing oil?);
Mark 16:18-20; Luke 9:1-2, 6; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Hebrews 2:3-4

IT WAS DONE BY GOD’S POWER, NOT MAN’S!

v. 34 “Jesus the Christ heals you.” – Notice how this **miracle** was performed by the power of Jesus! - cf. - Acts 3:6; James 5:2 (why is the term “elder” plural?)

v. 40 “knelt down and prayed” Again, notice **how the power of Jesus is responsible** for the raising Dorcas from the dead!

IT WAS DONE IMMEDIATELY, NOT BY NATURAL OR GRADUAL PROCESS!

v. 34 “and immediately he arose” cf. Acts 3:7 – God and only God heals whenever He wants!

vs. 40-41 “he presented her alive”

IT CAUSED PEOPLE TO TURN TO THE LORD!

v. 35 “turned to the Lord.”

v. 42 “many believed on the Lord” - cf. - John 20:30-31

Are you living your life as a Christian in such a way as to bring glory to Christ?

To turn to the Lord those who are around Lord?

To see such love, peace, hope and humility that they want what you have?

Mar 5:35 While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"
Mar 5:36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

Mar 5:37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

Mar 5:38 Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly.

Mar 5:39 When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."

Mar 5:40 And they ridiculed Him. **But when He had put them all outside**, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying.

Mar 5:41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, **arise**."

Mar 5:42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And **they were overcome with great amazement**.

It is significant that Peter stayed in the home of a tanner, because tanners were considered “unclean” by the Jewish rabbis (see Lev 11:35-40). **God was moving Peter a step at a time from Jewish legalism into the freedom of His wonderful grace.**

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	<p><i>Grace – Michael W. Smith, Martin Smith (Ephesians 2:4-9)</i></p> <p>I was lost when You found me here You pulled me close and held me near And I’m a fool but still You love I’ll be a fool for the King of love you gave me wings so I could fly Gave me a song to color the sky And all I have is all from You And all I want is all of You</p> <p>It’s grace, Your grace, I’m nothing without You Your grace, Your grace shines on me</p> <p>And there’ve been days when I’ve walked away Too much to carry, nothing left to say Forgive me, Lord, when I’m weak and lost For you traded Heaven for a wooden cross And all these years You’ve carried me You’ve been my eyes when I could not see And beauty grows in the driving rain Your oil of gladness in the times of pain Shines on me, shines on me Your grace, it shines on me Shines on me, shines on me It’s Your grace</p>	<p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do Christians today disagree about whether God supernaturally healed? 2. Are many people who pray for healing and aren’t healed and are told the reason is that they don’t have enough faith? Would you ever preach that? 3. Do you think Aeneas was a believer? Is there a difference between the way he and Dorcas were described? (vs. 33, 36) 4. How much faith do you think Dorcas had? 5. Can you think of any healing mentioned in the Bible that is not serious and observable? Why not? 6. Have you ever prayed for anyone to be healed and you later found out that they were completely healed? 7. Can you think of places in the Bible where healing is used to establish apostolic authority? Is He establishing it here in the apostle Peter? Why? 8. Did the disciples always cast out ever demons and heal everyone who came to them. 9. Who really healed Aeneas? Does/Did the power of healing ever exist in man? 10. Is there any special significance of v. 43 - <i>So it was that he stayed many days in Joppa with Simon, a tanner.</i>
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