

sermon notes

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June 8, 2025 | “Power with a Purpose” | **Acts 9:32–43**

EXPOSITION:

- 1) Peter’s _____ of Aeneas guided hearts to Jesus (9:32–35)
- 2) Peter’s _____ of Tabitha guided hearts to Jesus (9:36–43)

APPLICATION:

- 1) Be _____ to minister to hurting people
- 2) Be _____ and _____ like the sheep
- 3) Be _____ in all that you do

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Acts 9:32–43. What greater purpose was served by Peter’s healing ministry in Acts 9:32–43? Have you ever experienced a miraculous healing or seen firsthand God heal someone? How did that serve a greater purpose? Have you ever prayed for healing and not had those prayers answered? How might that have served a greater purpose in God’s plan?

What are some specific ways Peter strengthened the church in the book of Acts? What are some ways that we can imitate Peter’s actions? What are some things that Peter did, as an apostle of the church, that we can’t duplicate?

GET PERSONAL

How was Peter “Christ-exalting” with his actions? How is this Peter different from the Peter who followed Jesus before his death and resurrection? How has Peter matured in the pages of Scripture? Have you seen a similar maturation in your own life over the years? In what ways?

What are some ways that Peter and Tabitha were selfless as leaders in the church? Does faith in Christ motivate us towards acts of selflessness? Why or why not? Tabitha left an amazing legacy at her church. What kind of legacy are you leaving at yours?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Read James 5:13–16. Have you ever come to your church elders to receive prayer and anointing for healing? If so, what was the result of that prayer? If not, what has kept you from doing that? Why is it important to confess sin when you come to pray for healing (see James 5:16)?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Access a Bible atlas to help you map out the travels of the early church in Acts 1–9. Where are Lydda and Joppa located on the Bible atlas? How does Peter’s ministry in Lydda and Joppa prepare the theological groundwork for the inclusion of Gentiles in Acts 10? What does this suggest about the geographic and social expansion of the early Church’s mission?