

ACTS

CHAPTER 9:32-43

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TITLE:

HE MIRACLE OF MINISTRY

THEME:

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and “**you shall be witnesses to Me**” in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to the **end of the earth**.”

If *we were to rate the Importance of Miracles* this morning we would get a wide range of responses. Your response would depend upon what your need is at any given moment.

• A Resurrection of a loved one. • The Healing of cancer. • A Friend being able to walk again... *these are all great and God given desires*

Jesus Has His Favorite Miracle

Salvation !!! hands down, hands up hands on... it's Salvation !!

- a. Because salvation costs God the greatest price
- b. Salvation produces the greatest results
- c. And Salvation brings the greatest glory to God

**But in a real technical way,
Salvation is a ‘removed’ experience.**

God wants to minister to our immediate needs and doing so encourages us for the ultimate healing. *-Salvation !!*

1.) The Miracle of Ministry, *Meeting Man's need* vv. 32-35

The ministry goes through all the parts of the country

MAKING HIMSELF AVAILABLE

The Key to being Able is being Available,

*it is here at verse 32 that the gospel is launched out towards the uttermost parts of the earth.
(The Universal Gospel)*

Revelation 14:6

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Verse 33

He found a certain man

Physical Disorders Often Symbolize Sins Mighty Effects
He not only would heal sickness, but also forgive sin.

paralyzed GRK *paraluo (par-al-oo'-o)*
to hang alongside, to be withered like a plant

Verse 34

Peter is only the channel

'Aeneas... Jesus THE Christ heals you'

heals GRK *iaomai (ee-ah'-om-ahee)*
Cures you, restores you, makes whole.

Note:

We are to have Faith in the Lord, ~~Not Peter, Not the Miracle~~

There is power *in the 'Word of Faith' (I do not mean the movement)*

Romans 5:6

For when we were yet **without strength**, in due time
Christ died for the ungodly.

without strength GRK *asthenes (as-then-ace')*
*having none, paralyzed, feeble, impotent to the core
or nerve. (Past feeling)*

Can You See This... *That you and I have no ability to save ourselves whatsoever. We are Handicapped & Paralyzed to the core.*

Mark 15:31

the chief priests mocking said among themselves, He saved others; himself he cannot save.
(*wrong, himself He willed not to save*)

Verse 35

The true witness of God's grace

so **ALL** who dwelt in Lydda

saw *become sure of, to observe as a test.*

turned *epistrepho (ep-ee-stref'-o)*
to revert back to, to turn and go back towards.

What was it (*in him*) that they saw ?

Aeneas is a Greek name, meaning praise or praiser (a worshipper)

By Meeting up with Jesus,
Aeneas became what he should have been

Acts 3:6-9

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. :7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. :8 And he leaping up stood, and walked and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. :9
And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

Q;

How can you know WHO you are,
if you do not know Jesus personally

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked:
who can know it?

The Miracle of Ministry Results in People Coming to Faith

2.) The Miracle of Ministry, *Giving True Life* vv. 36-41

Verse 36

A certain disciple (v. 33, 9:10)

Dorcas is Greek for Gazelle

Tabitha is Aramaic for the same, Gazelle

She ministered 'ALMSGIVING', meaning, she was a believer

James 2:15-16

If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, :16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

Q;

How can you physically express your love for God ?

3 Little Words with a Big Meaning

Which She Did

others dreamt about serving while she was do it

We are often Cautious about the wrong things

Daniel 11:32

"... but the people who know their God shall be strong,
and carry out great exploits.

How Does a "Great Exploit" Begin ???

with one little step

Zechariah 4:10

"Who despises the day of small things?"

Practical Love;

John 13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. :35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

1 John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. :8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

√ *Her sewing machine was dedicated to the Lord,*

√ *His business is really God's business.*

√ *Her computer is God's property,*

In that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD"
shall be engraved on the bells of the horses. - *Zechariah 14:20*

James 1:22

But be *doers* of the word, and not *hearers* only, deceiving yourselves.

Verse 37

Sickness & Death Can Bring Glory to God

Verse 38

Sorry! I'm Peter, the big Kahuna...
you want me to just drop what I'm doing, follow you to the house of a woman who's dead...

Mark 10:44

And Jesus said, whosoever of you will be the chiefest
(GRK Big Kahuna), shall be servant of all.

1 John 3:17

But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and
shuts up his heart from him, **how does the love of God abide in him?** (implication: 'it doesn't')

John 13:13-17

Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. :14 If I then, your Lord and Master,
have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash
one another's feet. :15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to
you. :16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is
sent greater than he that sent him. :17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

We Have a donkey Running Outside...

Let's go

Verse 39

A touching scene as a true saint is missed

This woman found the key to a fulfilling Christian life
---- She had her eyes off of herself ----

She must have been a joy to be around

All the Jackets,
sweaters and comforters were a mute voice of her Christian love.

Please Peter bring her back to us. **What a Compliment**

I wonder if anyone would want us to come back (*Lord, just keep him there*)

It's O.K. Peter, Let her Alone, Don't bring her back

Verse 40

the way miracles should be performed.

He was on his knees, *alone!*

That **doesn't** fit the script of alot of 'Christian T.V.'
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I did a Funeral a while back and when the grandchildren approached the body, The tears, the pain, the reality of separation.

I wanted to walk over to that dead body and say... Robert, Get Up !!!

Verse 41

The apostles reaction is not recorded, rarely is.

Presented her alive...

Presented *GRK paristemi (par-is'-tay-mee) to exhibit, show, to stand with. to stand beside in the giving away of the bride*

The Word Appears;

2 Timothy 4:16-17

(In the Negative)

At my first defense no one **stood with me**, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them. :17 But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me,

Ephesians 5:27

(in the Positive)

That he might **present** the church to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing;

2 Corinthians 11:2

For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may **present** you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Jude 1:24

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to **present** you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

*Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to introduce to you a very special friend, The very much loved and **appreciated**... back from the dead.... Tabitha!!!*

I wanna see someone rise... then I'll **believe**...

Luke 16:31

Jesus said if they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though someone rise from the dead.

DON'T TELL ME YOU'LL BELIEVE

3.) The Miracle of Ministry, *God is Glorified* vv. 42-43

Verse 42

Becoming sick was to the glory of God.

It became known

known *GRK gnostos (gnoce-tos')*
well-known, to be acquainted, notable.

Matthew 5:16

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

believed On The Lord.... sat down, to lay down in Him

Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Philippians 2:8-11

Coming to earth in the appearance of a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. :9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, :10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, :11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Here's a (*Macro-Miracle*) in and of itself
a Jew hanging with a tanner

Verse 43

Peter stayed at Simon's (a tanner!) an unclean trade and man

Joppa (Jaffa) was the place where God Called Jonah to take the gospel to the Ninevite gentiles, and it will be the same for Peter

Tanning was Illegal

Leviticus 11:36

There's a Healing of the § Here

Simon was a believer, no doubt

Peter saw in that home how a gentile man could actually love and honor and worship God.

Elijah Sets a Ministry Philosophy:

2 Kings 2:9

And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."

Elisha continues the Ministry Philosophy:

2 Kings 4:2

And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for you? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.