

Acts 10

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) In order for faith to grow it must see beyond circumstances to the God who is greater than the circumstances you may be facing at the moment.
- 2) *10:1-3* God responds to a seeking, willing heart.
- 3) *10:4-6* Despite Cornelius' sincerity, evidenced by giving alms and prayer, God said it was not going to do it. He needed an understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ to be saved.
- 4) *10:7-8* Cornelius responded immediately. His first step at the revelation of God was obedience.
- 5) *10:5* Even though the Angel was more than capable of delivering the message, God chose to work through Peter.
- 6) *10:9-16* Two-fold meaning of Peter's vision:
 - God abolished the Old Testament dietary restrictions (Romans 14:1–3; Colossians 2:16–17; 1 Timothy 4:1–5).
 - God was bringing Jews & Gentiles together in the church (Gentiles symbolized by the unclean animals, Jews symbolized by the clean ones).
- 7) *10:23* Peter invited the men in and gave them lodging. Would that have happened before God revealed to him His activity? God transformed Peter's heart and removed the prejudice.
- 8) *10:24* Two worlds collided—seven orthodox Jews walked into a houseful of Romans. This was a monumental/revolutionary moment in the history of the church.
- 9) *10:30* The entire encounter originated in one specific action... prayer.

10) Have you been standing in God's way by simply not doing what He's gifted and equipped you to do? (Acts 11:17)

GREEK WORDS

Atenizō (at-en-id'-zo)—to gaze intently :- behold earnestly, fasten (eyes), look (steadfastly), set eyes
Emphobos (em-phobos)—in fear, alarm, terrified:- affrighted, afraid (+ tremble)
Prostassō—commanded (military order)