

“How Will You Be Remembered?”

Acts 9:32-43, ESV

Introduction: How will your life be remembered? What will be said or thought about you when your life here on earth is finished? Are you living an impactful life? Presently, there are no do overs. The text today gives attention to a woman by the name of Tabitha/Dorcas. Her life gives us an opportunity to reflect on the stewardship of our lives.

Following the Flow of the Text:

1). A Man Named Aeneas (v. 32-35).

- ❖ A man in Lydda by the name of Aeneas.
- ❖ He was **bedridden** for eight years.
- ❖ He was paralyzed (this is a miserable lot in life).
- ❖ He was **commanded** to rise and make his bed.
- ❖ Literally reads, “...this **instant** Jesus Christ Is healing you...” (v. 34).
- ❖ What happened? Immediately...he rose. This was a **supernatural** moment. Jesus healed this man.
- ❖ The result: the residents of Lydda “**turned** to the **Lord**.” (phraseology Luke uses 3x in Acts)

Application:

2). A Woman Named Dorcas (v. 36-43).

- ❖ A **disciple** in Joppa named Tabitha, which means Dorcas (name means “gazelle”).
- ❖ A woman known/**remembered** for her good works and charity.
- ❖ She became sick and **died**. So, to be clear, she was dead.
- ❖ Her **lifeless** body was prepared, but not yet buried. Laid her body in an upper room. (FAITH!)
- ❖ They heard Peter was in the vicinity and dispatched two men to retrieve him (v. 38).
- ❖ Without delay, Peter went with them. He was taken to the upper room.
- ❖ Peter put all the **widows** outside of the room; he knelt to **pray** (v. 40).
- ❖ He spoke to the body and said, “Tabitha, rise.”
- ❖ She opened her **eyes**, and when she saw Peter, she sat up (v. 41).
- ❖ Peter took her hand and presented her **ALIVE**.
- ❖ The result: “...and **many believed in the Lord**” (v. 42).
- ❖ Peter stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a **tanner** (v. 43)- bridge verse...

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