The Touch of the Master’s Hand - A Man Called Peter

“Time for A Big Change”

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1 Peter 3:8-12

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Introduction:
A. Change is hard on all of us, even when it is obvious that ______ is instituting the change.
B. When God desired to expand the horizon of the ________. God first had to expand the personal horizon of _________.
C. As we examine Peter’s experience, I want us to wrestle with a personal question: How does God want to expand my ____________?

I. The Story
A. Scene One: Cornelius has a strange __________ (Acts 10:1-8).
   1. An__________ told Cornelius to send for a man named _________.
B. Scene Two: Peter also has a strange __________ (Acts 10:9-16).
   1. In Peter’s vision he saw a sheet that held all kinds of __________ animals, and Peter was told to slaughter and ________.
   2. When Peter protested, the voice said, “Do not call anything ________ and God has made __________.”
   1. The Spirit told Peter ______ to hesitate to _______ with these men.
D. Scene Four: The arrival at Cornelius’ __________ (Acts 10:23b-33).
   1. When Peter arrived, he realized that Cornelius had gathered all his ____________ and close _________.
   2. Cornelius told Peter that they were hear not to ________ to everything the ________ has commanded him to tell them.
   1. Who could forbid the ___________ of Gentiles after the Holy Spirit had already come upon them?
G. Scene Seven: Peter_________ his _________ (Acts 11:1-8).
   1. When Peter returned to _____________ he had some _____________ to do.

II. The Application
A. First, we learn that God is ________________.
B. Second, we learn that God shows no _____________, the ____________ is for all.
C. Third, we learn that we need to develop the ________ and _____________ of God.
   1. I want to challenge us to ask God for help to overcome and _____________ or ________ we are holding against other people.
   2. God would want us to seek to _______________ others and not be quick to __________ others.
   3. Consider how the death of ________ ______ might be viewed differently based on our own life experiences, culture and race.
   4. Consider an example from the life of Tony Campolo when he encountered a _____________ man.
   5. Consider Dr. John Perkins and the role that _____________ played in healing the _____________ that were keeping him from loving whites.