

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 _____.”
- C. Scene Three: Cornelius' _____ Arrive (Acts 10:17-23a).
 - 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 to _____ to everything the _____ has commanded him to tell them.
- E. Scene Five: The _____ (Acts 10:34-43).
- F. Scene Six: The _____ comes on the Gentiles (Acts 10:44-48).
 - 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.

Answer Key: Intro.A. God. B. church, Peter. C. horizon. I.A. Vision. I.A.1. angel, Peter. I.B. Vision. I.B.1. unclean, eat. I.B.2. impure, clean. I.C. Messengers. I.C.1. not, go. I.D. house. I.D.1. relatives, friends. I.D.2. listen, Lord. I.E. Sermon. I.F. Holy, Spirit. I.F.1. baptism. I.G. explains, actions. I.G.1. Jerusalem, explaining. II.A. sovereign. II.B. partiality, gospel. II.C. mind, perspectives. II.C.1. prejudices, biases. II.C.2. understand, judge. II.C.3. Botham, Jean. II.C.4. homeless. II.C.5. forgiveness, wounds.