

June 18, 2023  
Acts 9:32-43  
On My Knees

### PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Lydda is the modern day city of Lod. Israel's international airport is just north of the city. There Peter healed a man bedridden for 8 years named Aeneas. By this many came to faith, authentication of the man and message achieved.

"Many believe that to deny women leadership roles in the church is to deny them the opportunity to minister. Nothing could be further from the truth. Dorcas neither preached nor led the newly born church, yet her ministry in the Joppa church was so crucial as to endear her to all." *John MacArthur*

Peter knelt down and prayed, he sent everyone out, this was not about him. He knew the source of his power and presumed nothing about the will of God, so, he prayed. Any truly significant and successful ministry is solidly grounded in prayer. Have you prayed today? When you pray, what do you pray for and about?

From Lydda to Joppa is about 9 miles. Note that they did not request a miracle from Peter, they were hoping, but not demanding, they knew not the will of the Lord, so they sent and awaited the Lord's work through Peter. When Peter arrived, he saw firsthand what this woman meant to the people, Tabitha's loving heart and working hands had drawn many to the upper room. They displayed the works of her hands that were the very garments on their backs. This church had suffered a great loss. The women wept aloud. "Dorcas was a dressmaker, but instead of enriching herself by sewing only for money she enriched her soul by sewing for love." The garments she made for the poor she really made for the Lord. She had only one talent so it seems but just look at how much she made of that! Gleaned from *R. C. H. Lenski*

All of this scene must have deeply impacted Peter. Notice, Peter knelt and prayed. He wanted to be alone with the Lord. In deep humility he asks the Lord, what is Your will Lord? Peter simply lays this before the Lord and waits to see His revealed will. At the same time deeply embedded prejudices were being dismantled. God was doing a great work through and in Peter. As we yield ourselves to Him, He does the same thing for us. Pray that He will make us an instrument that He can use for His glory.

#### **Application:**

The Lord's Supper [I Corinthians 11:17-34](#) a time of: reconciliation, reflection, & renewal.