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Acts 10:1-24

Knocking On Doors Part 1

Who knocked on your door, who's door have you knocked on?

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This event is recorded by doctor Luke (Colossians 4:14) three times, chapters: 10, 11, 15. When information of great importance is being addressed in the Bible it is often repeated.

Recall the words of Jesus recorded in Matthew 8:11 "I tell you that many will come from the east and the west to share in the banquet with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven." This pericope establishes a huge step in the fulfillment of this statement made by Jesus. The Gentiles are being grafted into the family of God!

Cornelius assembled his family and friends to hear a word from the Lord. Andrew went and found his brother, Peter, and said we have found the Messiah, come and see! Let's be diligent to tell our friends and family about Jesus!

At least six brothers from Joppa accompanied Peter, see 11:12. These men would be witnesses to attest to what was about to transpire. They arrive at the home of Cornelius to an expectant group of friends and family. God was authenticating His work among the Gentiles to all of mankind.

Vv 13-16 Peter lets his prejudices and preferences override what the Lord God has said. Peter had a history of this, when the Lord was washing the disciples feet, he resisted at first, see John 13. Now he will resist the Lord's command no less than three times! He simply had some old habits that he needed to unlearn. One must be careful not to hold a standard higher than that which God has set. People often do this in regard to forgiveness of self or others.

Peter came to terms with his own prejudices and realized that human barriers have no place with the God who does not show favoritism. Nor should we.

Application:

When God calls, we must act even if we do not fully understand all that He is asking us to do. This whole new congregation was about to be brought into the fold and by one man's faith. Let's work diligently to impact the lives of those under the umbrella of our influence with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Meditate on Ephesians 2:11-14.