

Bible Study 15 – Tabitha’s response to poverty – Acts 9:32-43

Mother Teresa dedicated her life to serving the poorest of the poor in Calcutta, India. She founded the Missionaries of Charity, a religious order committed to helping those who were sick, dying, and destitute. Mother Teresa’s work was not limited to providing physical care; she also focused on restoring dignity and hope to those society had cast aside. Despite receiving international recognition, including the Nobel Peace Prize, she remained humble and committed to serving the most vulnerable until her death. Like Tabitha, Mother Teresa’s life was defined by acts of compassion and service.

The context	After the day of Pentecost, the apostles (including Peter) were the leaders of the early church. God gave them the ability to do miracles, so they were popular and the church grew. Peter was one of the chief apostles. When the Jewish religious leaders began to persecute the apostles, the Christians scattered across the middle east. Peter visited the Christians in Samaria (8:14-25) and Lydda (a town near Joppa). Joppa (now Jaffa) was on the Mediterranean Sea north-west of Jerusalem.
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PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – Acts 9:32-43

Instant healing (v.32-35)	
Request (v.36-38)	
Legacy (v.39)	
Instant resurrection (v.40-43)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?



3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in these passages?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. How did Tabitha help the poor (v.36, 39)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Tabitha who was known to help the poor became sick and died. What are you known for? God used Peter to raise her back to life. Healing in the New Testament was occasional and rare.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

