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SERMON NOTES
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PATHWAY'S VISION IS TO "BE THE CHURCH"

RESTORING

RAISING UP

REACHING OUT

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, ² a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God.

³ About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say

ACTS
10:1-8 ESV

to him, "Cornelius." 4 And he stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. 5 And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. 6 He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea."

ACTS
10:1-8 ESV

7 When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him,
8 and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

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10:1-8 ESV

God isn't limited by our lack
of vision, we are.

ACTS 10:1-8 ESV

Have you ever said,
“anyone and anywhere, but
not them and not there”?

But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, 20 for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

**ACTS
4:19-20 ESV**

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Though grace abounds,
prejudice dies hard.

Charles Swindoll

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The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. 10 And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance 11 and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being

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10:9-16 ESV

let down by its four corners upon the earth. 12 In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. 13 And there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." 14 But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean."


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15 And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common." 16 This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

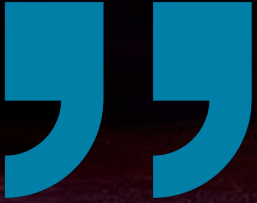
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Fresh vision is revealed by
God and received by us.

ACTS 10:9-16 ESV



All mankind, indeed, except Peter and a few of his friends, were bound up together in one abominable bundle. And Peter was standing above them, scouting at and spitting on them all. All so like ourselves. For, how we also bundle up whole nations of men and throw them into that same unclean sheet.



Alexander Whyte

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what

ACTS
10:34-43 ESV

happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all that he did

ACTS
10:34-43 ESV

both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.


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10:34-43 ESV

42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. 43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

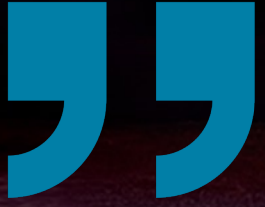
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A fresh vision of the **Gospel**
transforms **lives**, including ours.

ACTS 10:34-43 ESV



So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!



2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-17, NLT

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.

45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

ACTS
10:44-48 ESV

Then Peter declared, 47 "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

ACTS
10:44-48 ESV

A fresh vision of the **Holy Spirit**
transforms **relationships**, including ours.

ACTS 10:44-48 ESV



He invites us as we are; but responding to that invitation always involves the complete transformation which acted out in repentance, forgiveness, baptism, and receiving the spirit

N.T. Wright



NEXT STEP QUESTIONS

1

Are you limiting God's movement in your life in anyway?

2

Will you open yourself up to a fresh vision of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit?



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