



Title | Miracles  
Series | THE CHURCH THAT CHANGED THE WORLD  
Text | Acts 9:31-43  
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# Sermon Notes

**Acts 9:31** So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied. **32** Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. **33** There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. **34** And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. **35** And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. **36** Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. **37** In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. **38** Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." **39** So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. **40** But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. **41** And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. **42** And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. **43** And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner. *ESV*

## Big Idea:

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## For Reflection & Application:

### Monday:

Read Acts 9:31-43. Based on the writing alone, apart from any external evidence, does it appear that the author wants us to believe that the healing of Aeneas and the resurrection of Tabitha are literal events in history? What evidence do you see?

### Tuesday:

Have you personally experienced what you consider to be a miracle? If so, how did you respond? Did it change your thinking?

### Wednesday:

When the Bible presents miracles, is it hard for you to believe them? Why or why not?

### Thursday:

How would you respond to the person who says, "How can you believe in the Bible when it presents all those outlandish miracles as if they really happened?" Why do you think so many people refuse to believe in the miracles of the Bible?

### Friday:

Do you think that belief in the miracles of the Bible is reasonable? Why or why not?

### Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you for the greatest miracle, the resurrection of Jesus Christ in victory over sin. And thank you for all the miracles that point to your goodness, including my own salvation. Amen.