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**Unshakeable: Part 4**

**Acts 9:31-42**

**• This is God’s Word.**

**• It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction.**

**• It has God for its author,**

**• salvation for its end,**

**• and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.**

**• It is the supreme source of truth**

**• for what we believe**

**• and how we live.**

**The Church is Strengthened**

**The church then had peace throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria, and it became stronger as the believers lived in the fear of the Lord. And with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, it also grew in numbers. Acts 9:31**

**How**

* **Believers live in the fear of the Lord.**
* **Believers are encouraged by the Holy Spirit.**

**A Strong Church is a Growing Church!**

**The Paralyzed Walk**

**Meanwhile, Peter traveled from place to place, and he came down to visit the believers in the town of Lydda. There he met a man named Aeneas, who had been paralyzed and bedridden for eight years. Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you! Get up, and roll up your sleeping mat!” And he was healed instantly. Then the whole population of Lydda and Sharon saw Aeneas walking around, and they turned to the Lord. Acts 9:32-35**

**Peter was Looking for Someone to Help.**

**All Around us are Hurting People that We Have the Ability to Help.**

**When the Church Ministers to Those in Need, it Changes the Entire Community!**

**The Dead are Raised**

**There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas). She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor. About this time she became ill and died. Her body was washed for burial and laid in an upstairs room. But the believers had heard that Peter was nearby at Lydda, so they sent two men to beg him, “Please come as soon as possible!” So Peter returned with them; and as soon as he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other clothes Dorcas had made for them. But Peter asked them all to leave the room; then he knelt and prayed. Turning to the body he said, “Get up, Tabitha.” And she opened her eyes! When she saw Peter, she sat up! He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then he called in the widows and all the believers, and he presented her to them alive. The news spread through the whole town, and many believed in the Lord. And Peter stayed a long time in Joppa, living with Simon, a tanner of hides. Acts 9:36-43**

**Tabitha Used Her Skill to Help People and Bring Glory to God.**

**Will You be Missed When You are Gone?**

**Miracles are Simply Opportunities to Point People to Jesus!**

**The main truths that are emphasized in each of these three sections of scripture are not a Church at peace or a paralyzed man healed or even a dead woman brought to life BUT “many believed in the Lord.”**