

The Power of Being Sent

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Acts 10:1-8, Acts 10:9-20, Acts 10:20-22,
Acts 10:24, Luke 17:1, 7-10, Acts 10:28-35,
James 5:16

Acts 10:1

There was a certain man
in Caesarea called
Cornelius, a centurion of
what was called the
Italian Regiment,

Acts 10:2

a devout *man* and one who
feared God with all his
household, who gave
alms generously to the
people, and prayed to
God always.

Acts 10:3

About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, “Cornelius!”

Acts 10:4

And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, “What is it, lord?”

So he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.”

Acts 10:5

“Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter.”

Acts 10:6

“He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do.”

Acts 10:7

And when the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier from among those who waited on him continually.”

Acts 10:8

So when he had explained all *these* things to them, he sent them to Joppa.

Cornelius
was devoted

We must have a
cause

Do you know
anybody who
needs to get
saved?

Do you know
anybody who
needs prayer?

Will
I get to see you in
Heaven?

Do you have a
cause?

Do you have a
purpose?

Cornelius was a
man of integrity

Cornelius feared
God

Cornelius
was a giver

If you are living
right, there's no
need to fear
nor lie

Acts 10:9

The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour.

Acts 10:10

Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance

Acts 10:11

and saw heaven opened
and an object like a great
sheet bound at the four
corners, descending to
him and let down to the
earth.

Acts 10:12

In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air.

Acts 10:13

And a voice came to him, “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.”

Acts 10:14

But Peter said, “Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean.”

Acts 10:15

And a voice *spoke* to him again the second time, “What God has cleansed you must not call common.”

Acts 10:16

This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.

Acts 10:17

Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate.

Acts 10:18

And they called and asked whether Simon, whose surname was Peter, was lodging there.

Acts 10:19

While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Behold, three men are seeking you.

Acts 10:20

“Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them.”

If you are sent,
you'll stay
connected

Acts 10:20

“Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them.”

Acts 10:21

Then Peter went down to the men who had been sent to him from Cornelius, and said, “Yes, I am he whom you seek. For what reason have you come?”

Acts 10:22

And they said,

“Cornelius *the* centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house, and to hear words from you.”

If you are sent,
you'll speak well of
your leader

Love covers a
multitude of sins

Acts 10:24

And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends.

If you are sent,
you'll be waiting
for God to promote
you and not try to
promote yourself

Luke 17:1

Then He said to the disciples, “It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe *to him* through whom they do come!

Luke 17:7

And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'?

Luke 17:8

But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'?

Luke 17:9

Does he thank that
servant because he did
the things that were
commanded him? I
think not.

Luke 17:10

So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'"

Acts 10:24

And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends.

Keep calling your
relatives and friends:

Don't give up!

They may be waiting
for you to call them
again!

Acts 10:28

Then he said to them, “You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

Acts 10:29

Therefore I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?”

Acts 10:30

So Cornelius said, “Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

Acts 10:31

and said, 'Cornelius,
your prayer has been
heard, and your alms
are remembered in the
sight of God.

Acts 10:32

Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he will speak to you.'

Acts 10:33

So I sent to you immediately,
and you have done well to
come. Now therefore, we
are all present before God,
to hear all the things
commanded you by God.”

Acts 10:34

Then Peter
opened *his* mouth
and said: “In truth I
perceive that God
shows no partiality.

Acts 10:35

But in every nation
whoever fears Him
and works
righteousness is
accepted by Him.

James 5:16

Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

The verse means that when you pray, you are so much like God, that when you pray, all of Heaven's resources are available to you.