

*(Acts 9:32-43) As Peter was traveling from place to place, he also came down to the saints who lived in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralyzed and had been bedridden for eight years. Peter said to him "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and make your own bed," and immediately he got up. So all who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. She was always doing good works and acts of charity. In those days she became sick and died. After washing her, they placed her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples heard that Peter was there and sent two men to him who begged him, "Don't delay in coming with us." So Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived they led him to the room upstairs. And all the widows approached him, weeping and showing him the robes and clothes that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Then Peter sent them all out of the room. He knelt down, prayed, and turning toward the body said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her stand up. Then he called the saints and widows and presented her alive. This became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. And Peter stayed on many days in Joppa with Simon, a leather tanner.*

## **OUR MIRACLES**

God still does miracles – if we are willing to receive them.

### **1. The RECIPIENTS of God's Miracles**

*(32) the saints who lived in Lydda.*

*(36) there was a disciple*

- A. I like my chances of receiving a miracle from God a lot better if I'm a follower of Christ.
- B. We believe in a miracle-working God!

### **2. The RITUAL of God's Miracles**

- A. There was no ritual.
- B. They simply spoke.

*(34) "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and make your own bed."*

*(40) "Tabitha, get up!"*

### **3. The REQUIREMENTS for God's Miracles**

- A. Confidence in God.
- B. Humility before God.

### **4. The REASON for God's Miracles**

*(35) So all who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.*

- A. So folks will turn to the Lord.

*(42) This became known throughout all Joppa, and many believe in the Lord.*

- B. So folks will trust in the Lord.