



SERMON NOTES

Acts 9

Get Up... Don't Give Up!

Acts 9:31-43

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1. THE SEASONS OF LIFE

Acts 9:31a (NIV)

"Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace it and was strengthened..."

Acts 9:31b (NKJV)

"...And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied."

"A time and season for everything under the sun." Ecc. 3:1

Marriage Cycles of Life

- 1. Romance**
- 2. Disillusionment**
- 3. Awakening**
- 3. Mature Love**

Organizations profit and non-profit have cycles.

- 1. Pioneering Stage**
- 2. Growing Stage**
- 3. Controlling Stage**
- 4. Declining Stage**

"Faith without repentance leads to presumption. Repentance without faith leads to despair."

2. FAITH ALTERS FACTS

Acts 9:32 (NIV)

32 As Peter traveled about the country, he went to visit the saints in Lydda.

Acts 9:33-35 (CEV)

33 There he met a man named Aeneas, who for eight years had been sick in bed and could not move. 34 Peter said to Aeneas, "Jesus Christ has healed you! Get up and make up your bed." Right away he stood up. 35 Many people in the towns of Lydda and Sharon saw Aeneas and became followers of the Lord.

Power in the name of Jesus!

Acts 3:6; Acts 16:18; Acts 19:13; Mark 16:17-18;

John 14:12-14 (NKJV)

12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

Acts 9:36-43 (NIV)

36 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor.

3. Profit Can Profit the Poor

In God's Kingdom quality is more important than quantity. The Lord said, "well done" not "much done."

37 About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. 38 Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" 39 Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. 40 Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. 41 He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called the believers and the widows and presented her to them alive. 42 This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. 43 Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.