



#### Acts 9:32-43

#### **Something to Start Us Off**

• If you could witness one miracle today, like a healing or a life changed, what would you want to see?

# **Something to Notice**

Let's dive into the details of Acts 9—notice the people, places, and actions that drive this chapter!

- What does the text say about Peter's activities and location in Acts 9:32-33?
- How does Aeneas respond to Peter's healing command in Acts 9:34 (ESV: "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed")?
- What specific actions do the disciples in Joppa take after Tabitha's death (Acts 9:36-39)?
- How does Peter perform the miracle of raising Tabitha in Acts 9:40-41?
- What is the impact of these miracles on the people in Lydda, Sharon, and Joppa in Acts 9:35, 42? (By the way, feel free to look on a map to find these places.)

## **Something to Learn**

#### **Key Insight:**

\* Tabitha, known as Dorcas, is uniquely noted in Acts 9:36 (ESV: "She was full of good works and acts of charity") for her faithful service, showing how an ordinary believer's compassion, paired with Peter's miracles, advanced the gospel in Lydda and Joppa.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- How do the healings of Aeneas and Tabitha in Acts 9:32-43 demonstrate Jesus' ongoing power through His apostles?
- Why does Tabitha's reputation for good works matter for the church's witness?
- What does Peter's reliance on prayer before raising Tabitha in Acts 9:40 (ESV: "He knelt down and prayed") reveal about the source of his ministry?
- How do the conversions in Lydda and Joppa in Acts 9:35, 42 show God's purpose in miracles?

## **Something to Take Home**

- Tabitha's life blessed others through simple acts of kindness (Acts 9:36). How can you use your skills to serve someone in your community?
- Peter's miracles pointed people to Jesus (Acts 9:34, 42). How can you share God's work in your life to encourage others' faith?