



TALK IT OVER

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Church on the Move

“When God Moves, Barriers are Broken Down” - Mitch Myer
Acts 10-11

DT - DOMINANT THOUGHT

God will move heaven and earth to bring the gospel to those who are ready to receive it.

CONVO STARTER

God will do anything to bring the gospel to those who are ready to receive it.
Are you seeing opportunities to do this with others around you?
Are you responding?

CONSIDER THIS

- Listen and respond to the calling of the Lord.
- Be faithful to the preaching of the good news.
- Share the testimony of God’s movement with others.

RESOURCES

- [Pikes Peak Christian Church](#)
- [Sermon Video](#)

- “This monumental move of God has been prophesied for a long time and by many different people: in the prophets from the Old Testament, from angels, in visions, by Jesus himself, and even by Peter (even though he may have not realized it).” - Mitch Myer
- *Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”* - Genesis 12:1-3
- “Prayer is a preparation zone for the heart to be able to receive the will or call of God in our lives. Prayer marked the life of Jesus, the culture of the early church, the expansion of the gospel into all places, and they way they prayed for each other; an expectant and devoted prayer life full of faith.” - Mitch Myer
- *Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in the will of God.* - Colossians 4:12
- “There is always a barrier to the gospel, the ultimate barrier being sin which Jesus has paid for on the cross. So don’t make yourself a barrier. Don’t make it about you or your inability or your lack or your excuses.” - Mitch Myer
- *And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom...but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.* - 1 Corinthians 2:1,5
- “We will never truly know the impact that one moment with one person sharing the good news could possibly have.” - Mitch Myer
- *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.* - Hebrews 12:1

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Read Acts 10:1-23. Listen and respond to the calling of the Lord. Cornelius was a God-fearing Gentile who was visited by angel in a vision telling him to go find Peter. Meanwhile, Peter is praying when he receives a vision from the Lord about animals in a big sheet signifying that all people are clean and acceptable to God. God has been breaking down so many barriers from Acts 1-10, this time it is a ethnic/cultural barrier between the Jews and Gentiles. Notice what Peter and Cornelius are doing when they receive these visions, they are praying. Prayer is our preparation zone for our hearts to be ready to receive the will or call of God on our lives. It is about our dependence and devotion to the one who can do, “far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.” What does your prayer life say about your devotion to God? Do you have a call from God that you have been ignoring?

Read Acts 10:24-48. Be faithful to the preaching of the good news. Cornelius and Peter need each other to figure out what God is doing. Cornelius needs the gospel and Peter has it. Peter is trying to process what this all means and even fight against his own biases and understanding. However, Peter faithfully preaches the good news not knowing what the outcome will be or even if he should be doing this. We have a corporate, mandated calling to the entire church (all believers in Christ): Go and tell, baptize, and teach. We need to stop making excuses for why we don’t evangelize or share the gospel. We need to stop being a stumbling block because we feel insecure or fearful or not confident. Do you share the gospel with others? If not, what barrier is getting in the way? If so, are you depending on God’s power?

Read Acts 11:1-26. Share the testimony of God’s movement with others. Peter goes to share with his fellow brothers about what happened to these Gentiles, about how the Holy Spirit came down on them while he was preaching. He says this amazing statement, “Who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” Let’s get out of the way for God by being obedient to Him. Let’s stop being a stumbling block to others who need the gospel. Let’s stop keeping the testimony of God’s movement to ourselves. Are you sharing the testimony of what God is doing with others? What barriers are you seeing in the people around you?

ACTION STEP

We have got to “run with endurance the race that is set before us.” Who are the people around you that are ready to receive the gospel? Will you take it to them?