



Decade of Availability Spirit Led—Spirit Fed

In the last message we saw how God spoke to both Cornelius and Peter in visions. Now we see the response by both men—it's a response that indicates they were both being led and fed by the Holy Spirit.

A. Hearing but Wondering *vv. 17-20 Divine Guidance*

1. **When uncertain:** *v. 17* The Greek word is 'perplexed' — Peter did not get the full understanding of what the vision of the sheet meant. *Acts 10:9-16*
2. **The answer is on the way:** *vv. 17-20* While Peter is pondering the meaning of the vision—God is already sending the first step to finding the full answer.
3. **When the Spirit speaks:** *vv. 19-20* Before the messengers can knock on the door—the Holy Spirit tells Peter to go with them 'without doubting.'

Have you asked the Holy Spirit to reveal to you His will regarding the things you are uncertain about?

B. Hearing and Obeying *vv. 21-23 A Devine Voice*

1. **Divinely instructed:** The men from Cornelius summarize why they were there. They tell Peter about the angel who had a 'divine' message from God that involved Cornelius and Peter. This was confirmation of the Spirit's message to Peter—go and don't doubt.

When God reveals His direction to you—will you be willing to follow Him?

C. Hearing the Truth *vv. 24-29 Divine Providence*

1. **Prepared to hear:** *v. 24* Cornelius was seeking more of God and knew that Peter was bringing it—so he gathered all his family and friends together.
2. **Tear down the wall:** *v. 28* The key 'truth' of this entire passage (*Acts 10*) is that salvation is open to "all who call on the name of the Lord" (*See Acts 2:21*) That message has been waiting to be fully revealed to Peter for the past eight years.

Is your heart prepared to hear from God?

D. Hearing in His Presence *vv. 30-33 Divine Presence*

1. **Four days ago:** *vv. 30-32* For the second time Peter hears about the vision that Cornelius received. It's taken four days from the initial vision to get everyone in place so that God can pour out His Spirit upon the Gentiles.
2. **The Word and God's presence:** *v. 33* When the Word of God is being taught—the presence of God is there. Cornelius recognized that Peter was a 'messenger' from God. He had the keys to the kingdom—and when he heard from Peter he would hear from God.

When you worship God, read His Word or are taught His Word—do you sense the presence of God?

(See Colossians 3:14-17)

Acts 10:17-33 (NKJV)

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. **18** And they called and asked whether Simon, whose surname was Peter, was lodging there. **19** While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you. **20** Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them."

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?" **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." **23** Then he invited them in and lodged them. On the next day Peter went away with them, and some brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

24 And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends. **25** As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. **26** But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I myself am also a man." **27** And as he talked with him, he went in and found many who had come together. **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. **29** Therefore I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?"

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

