



Love that Learns

Slow Down



*I can be very active for
God... and still miss what
God is doing*

*I'm trying to teach you how
to see."*

**We want
to see
clearly**

*You can love God... follow
Jesus... be committed...*

*and still need your thinking
transformed.*

*Peter was faithful but had a
lot to LEARN*



1. God is Working all around you

Acts 10:1-3

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. 2 He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. 3 One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!"

1. God is Working all around you

Acts 10:4-5

4 Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. 5 Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter.

2. God gives truth before full understanding

Acts 10:9-11

9 About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. 10 He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. 11 He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. 12 It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds.



God's vision

2. God gives truth before full understanding

Acts 10:12-15

12 It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. 13 Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." 14 "Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean." 15 The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

16 This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

3. God creates a learning moment through opportunity

Acts 10:17-18

17 While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate. 18 They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

3. God creates a learning moment through opportunity

Acts 10:19-20

19 While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you. 20 So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them."

4. Learning happens through obedience

- **Peter invites them in (small step)**

- **Travels with them (next step)**

- **Enters the home (big step)**

4. Learning Happens through obedience

Acts 10:28

28 He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.

5. God confirms when we step out

Acts 10:44-45

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.

How God Teaches you

01. *He stirs you & He speaks to you*

02. *He Stretches you and Sends You*

03. *He Surprises You*

Who is at your gate?

Acts 10:17

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Westside Immaturity

*Immaturity 1:
News-shaped
reactivity
(Colossians 3:1–2)*

*Immaturity 2:
Political identity
fusion
(John 18:36)*

*Immaturity 3:
Pain avoidance
(Galatians 6:2)*

One thing to Know

*God is always leading you to
your next step*

One thing to do

*Pay attention to God's
promptings—and act on
them faithfully.*