



Begins With Prayer

Begin with PRAYER

Prayer won't always change THEM but prayer *can* always change ME

In evangelism, how can PRAYER change ME?

[Acts 10:1-6] 1 At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the **Italian Cohort**, **2** a **devout** man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. **3** About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius." **4** And he stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. **5** And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. **6** He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea."

[Acts 10:9 & 10] 9 The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to **pray**. **10** And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance ...

[Acts 10:15 & 16] 15 And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call **common**." **16** This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

[Acts 10:19 & 20] 19 And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. **20** Rise and go down and accompany them **without** hesitation, for I have sent them."

Prayer can OPEN my EYES

[Acts 10:28 & 29] 28 And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to **associate** with or to **visit** anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call **any person** common or unclean. **29** So when I was sent for, I came **without objection**. I ask then why you sent for me."

Prayer can SOFTEN my HEART

[Acts 10:34-36] 34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, **35** but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. **36** As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all) ...

[Acts 10:42 & 43] 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. **43** To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who **believes** in him receives **forgiveness of sins** through his name."

[Acts 11:2 & 3] 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party **criticized** him, saying, **3** "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them."

Prayer can STRENGTHEN my SPIRIT