

## The Gospel and Changed Lives

### Acts 9:32-43

1. **The pictures of physical sickness and death point us to the spiritual reality of lost people (vv. 33,36-37).**

**Acts 9:33** | <sup>33</sup> There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed.

**Acts 9:36-37** | <sup>36</sup> Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

2. **The power of Christ is greater than sickness or death (vv. 34,40-41).**

**Acts 9:34** | <sup>34</sup> And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose.

**Acts 9:40-41** | <sup>40</sup> But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

3. **The pattern for healing is through the ministry of Christ's servants (vv. 32, 38-39).**

**Acts 9:32** | <sup>32</sup> Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda.

**Acts 9:38-39** | <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them.

**4. The purpose of miracles is to point people to the saving power of Jesus Christ (vv. 35,42).**

**Acts 9:35** | <sup>35</sup> And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

**Acts 9:42** | <sup>42</sup> And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.