Power to Heal (Acts 9:32-42)

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Acts 10:38 (NIV) God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

John 14:11-12 (NIV) Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

1. Jesus still _____ today

Acts 9:32-33 (NIV) As Peter traveled about the country, he went to visit the saints in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, a paralytic who had been bedridden for eight years.

1A. Jesus heals through _____

Acts 9:34 (NIV) "Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and take care of your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up.

1B. Healing brings _____

Acts 9:35 (NIV) All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

2. Jesus still raises the _____

Acts 9:36-37 (NIV) In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room.

2A. Jesus distributes spiritual _____

Acts 9:38 (NIV) Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

2B. Jesus has _____ on His children

Acts 9:39 (NIV) Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

2C. Pray in _____ for healing

Acts 9:40a (NIV) Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed.

2D. _____ the word of God

Acts 9:40b (NIV) Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up.

2E. Expect many to _____ on the Lord

Acts 9:41-42 (NIV) He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called the believers and the widows and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

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Intro. Describe Jesus' ministry in your own words based on Acts 10:38.

According to John 14:11-12, how should the ministry of believers compare to Jesus' ministry?

Why don't we see more supernatural ministry in our time?

- 1A. In Luke 5:17-26, Jesus heals a paralytic. In Acts 9:32-35, Luke records the healing of a paralytic by Peter. Why do you think the accounts are so similar?
- 1B. What is significant about Peter's statement to the paralytic, "Jesus Christ heals you" (Acts 9:34)?
- 1C. Why would the healing of the paralytic cause the entire population of the region to turn to the Lord (Acts 9:35)?
- 1D. How can we cooperate with God to see similar miracles happen in our church?

- 2A. Why would God have allowed a godly woman like Tabitha to get sick and die (Acts 9:36-37)?
- 2B. What do you think made the disciples in Joppa send for Peter when Tabitha died (Acts 9:38)?
- 2C. Why did Peter send all the grieving widows out of the room (Acts 9:39-40a)?
- 2D. What do you think Peter prayed in Tabitha's room (Acts 9:40a)?
- 2E. What are the parallels between Jesus' raising of Jairus' daughter in Luke 8:40-42, 49-56 and Peter's raising of Tabitha in Acts 9:36-42?
- 2F. Why did Peter speak the command "Tabitha, get up" (Acts 9:40b)?
- 2G. In what ways did the miracle of raising Tabitha from the dead cause many people to believe in the Lord (Acts 9:41-42)?
- 2H. What did it take to raise John Smith from the dead in St Louis this past January?
- 2I. What can we do to increase our faith to believe God to work miracles of healing in our day and time?