CORNELIUS OFFERING

FROM MEMORIALS TO MIRACLES

WEEKLY GROW GUIDE

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:4 (NKJV)

"Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God."

BIG IDEA

What went up as a memorial came down as a miracle.

MESSAGE RECAP

Cornelius feared God, gave generously to people in need, and prayed continually. Before the angel appeared, prayer and generosity were already patterns in his life. God saw the gifts he gave and heard the prayers he prayed.

The angel told Cornelius that his prayers and giving had come up as a memorial before God. Then came an instruction: send for Peter. Cornelius responded in obedience while God prepared Peter to enter a Gentile home and preach Jesus.

Cornelius could see his men leave for Joppa. He could not see what God was doing on Peter's rooftop. While we pray on this end, God can be working on the other end.

Cornelius gathered his family and friends. Peter came and preached Jesus. While he was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell on those who heard. Keep praying, keep giving, and keep saying yes. Ask God to reach your household, and be willing to carry the gospel to someone else's.

DIG INTO THE WORD

Read these passages and ask the Holy Spirit to help you pray faithfully and respond in obedience.

ACTS 10:1–4	God saw Cornelius's consistent life of prayer and generosity. His prayers and gifts came before God as a memorial.
ACTS 10:5–8	Cornelius acted on the instruction he received. Faithfulness in prayer led to a practical step of obedience.
ACTS 10:9–20	While the men traveled, God prepared Peter. The Holy Spirit told him to go with them.
ACTS 10:34–48	Peter preached Jesus and forgiveness through faith in Him. The Holy Spirit fell, and the believers were baptized.

GO DEEPER

Where do you need to keep praying, even though you cannot yet see what God is doing?

Who might God be asking you to reach while you are praying for someone to reach your family?

THREE THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. WHAT WENT UP

Cornelius prayed continually and gave generously. God saw his ordinary days of faithfulness. Make prayer a daily pattern and look for opportunities to meet a real need.

Keep praying. Keep being generous.

2. WHAT MOVED

Cornelius sent for Peter while God prepared Peter to go. You may not see everything God is doing. Follow the instruction He has already given you and trust Him with the parts you cannot control.

Keep praying here. God knows how to move there.

3. WHAT CAME DOWN

Cornelius gathered his family and friends to hear from God. Peter preached Jesus, and the Holy Spirit fell. Make room for people to hear the gospel and ask the Spirit to give you boldness.

Be ready to hear. Be willing to obey.

HEART CHECK

Invite the Holy Spirit to search your heart. Name the people, the need, and your next step of obedience.

1. Whose salvation have I been praying for?

2. Where have I become discouraged while waiting for an answer?

3. How can I practice generosity toward someone in need this week?

4. What step of obedience has God already put in front of me?

5. WHO IS GOD ASKING ME TO REACH?

GROW THIS WEEK

Five practical ways to keep praying, practice generosity, and respond to the Holy Spirit.

MONDAY - KEEP PRAYING

Read Acts 10:1–4. Write down the names of three people you are believing God to save. Pray for each by name. Set a daily time to keep praying for them.

TUESDAY - GIVE GENEROUSLY

Read Matthew 6:1–4. Meet a practical need quietly today. Offer a meal, share what you have, or give toward a need as you are able. Make it an act of worship.

WEDNESDAY - TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Read Acts 10:5–8. Identify one step of obedience you have delayed. Make the call, send the text, extend the invitation, or begin the conversation.

THURSDAY - PRAY FOR THE OTHER END

Read Acts 10:9–20. Ask God to place believers in your loved ones' paths. Then ask Him to show you whose path He has placed you in.

FRIDAY - MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS

Read Acts 10:24, 33–44. Invite someone to church or share what Jesus has done in your life. Pray for household salvation, restoration, and revival.

PRAY IT

Father, thank You for hearing my prayers and seeing the gifts I bring in faith. Help me keep praying on the ordinary days. Show me how to meet the needs around me. Give me courage to obey Your voice and trust You with what I cannot see. Send people who will share Jesus with my loved ones, and make me willing to carry the gospel to someone else. Bring salvation to our households, restoration to broken lives, and revival to our church and city. Holy Spirit, fill us afresh and give us boldness to speak about Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.

MY DECLARATION THIS WEEK

GOD HEARS ME WHEN I PRAY.

I WILL KEEP PRAYING AND GIVING.

I WILL OBEY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

I WILL SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS.

I WILL TRUST GOD WITH WHAT I CANNOT SEE.

WHO WILL YOU STAND IN THE GAP FOR?