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My Need for the Holy Spirit
Part 4.

Text: Acts 10

“As I encounter God and see him work through people, I try to keep this in mind. God is not a God who sticks within my understanding of his work; He works in ways that continually surprise and challenge me. Each time he surprises me, I have to rethink my own paradigm. I have to ask myself the question, “Does this fit into my understanding of ministry, or do I need to broaden my view of what God can do.”

Gregg Johnston

1 - God does not show partiality with His grace, salvation, and especially His empowerment.

Verse 34

- Why did God want to Baptize this household and set things into motion?

2 - Fear the Lord!

Verse 35a

- Proverbs 28:14 - To fear the Lord is to have a soft heart before Him. Reject stubbornness.
- Isaiah 66:2 - To fear the Lord is to have a humble and contrite spirit.

“I can know if I truly fear God by determining if I have a genuine hatred of evil and an earnest desire to obey His commands.”

Jerry Bridges

Do we *hate* evil or compromise in our tolerance of it?

Do we desire to *obey* His commands or flaunt our freedom from them?

3 - Do what is right.

Verse 35b

- Our striving to please God moves the hand of God over us.
- Cornelius did this through prayer and giving.

We must have actions of rightness expressed through our faith.

4 - We must expect something more from our walk with God.

Psalms 37:23-24; Isaiah 26:3

“Creating expectations of how life should go can open our hearts up to disappointment. However, if we live with anticipation and expectancy of what is to come, and what God is doing in our lives, we can experience greater joy in the journey.”

Jesse Fullan



Expect to receive this outpouring of the Holy Spirit over your life. Stop resisting Him. Release your hardened heart to the Lord!