



# Our attention turns to Peter

Acts 9:32-43

## Reminders about the book of Acts:

1. It shows us the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.
2. It reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ role of the Holy Spirit in the church age.
3. It Chronicles the \_\_\_\_\_ of church leaders.
4. It shows the \_\_\_\_\_ from the Old to New Covenant.

## Why Peter?

1. Peter was the leader of the apostles, and \_\_\_\_\_ them as a whole.
2. Peter, as the leader, was right in the middle of everything. He was a good \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Luke had \_\_\_\_\_ to Peter, and was therefore able to tell his story.
4. Peter was one of the first apostles to venture out from Jerusalem as **James** took over.
  - When Paul introduced himself to the Apostles, it was to **Peter and James**  
Galatians 1:17-19 (Gal 1 takes place during Acts 9:19-20)
  - When Peter miraculously escaped from prison, he reported to **James**  
Acts 12:17
  - At the Council of Jerusalem, James spoke for the group as **their leader**  
Acts 15:13-19

## What is the Context of Acts 9:32 – 11:30?

1. Acts 9:31 The church enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in number. (Lots of people were getting saved)

## What is the Pattern of God's development in the Apostles and in the church?

Answer: God is using both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, very successfully

In Acts 1-3 Things were **going great** for the Apostles and the brand new church

In Acts 4-7 Peter was **arrested** and released, Ananias and Sapphira were **punished** with death, The Sadducees grew **jealous** of the apostles and **arrested** them, and Steven is **martyred**, and Saul starts **killing Christians**.

In Acts 8-11 Philip effectively **preaches** in Samaria, Simon the Sorcerer is **saved**, the Ethiopian Eunuch is **saved and baptized**, Saul is miraculously **saved**. Then Peter **travels and serves**, has a **vision** at Cornelius's house, the Jew/Gentile question is **resolved**, scattered believers **started a church** in Antioch, and **believers are finally called Christians**.

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1. With Aeneas, Peter did what he \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus do.  
When Peter did what Jesus did – many people \_\_\_\_\_ favorably to God.  
What have \_\_\_\_\_ seen Jesus do that \_\_\_\_\_ can also do?  
(love, forgive, teach, prepare, sacrifice, serve, etc.)
2. In Joppa, with Tabitha (Dorcas), Peter \_\_\_\_\_ for guidance and God's power.  
After \_\_\_\_\_ power was displayed, many people believed.  
Peter then stayed there for a while, presumably discipling and evangelizing.  
When \_\_\_\_\_ pray for God's leading, and the follow it, good things will happen.
3. On both occasions, Peter was working with, through, and in the \_\_\_\_\_ church.

**Application:** We are already seeing God using \_\_\_\_\_ people (Lord's people in Lydda and Joppa), \_\_\_\_\_ people (Aeneas, Tabitha), and specially \_\_\_\_\_ people (Peter) to accomplish His will in and through the church.