



Peter had a vision

Acts 10: 9-23

Review:

- Matthew 28:19-20 is being carried out by the Apostles and the Church
 - _____ Peter, John, Phillip, Saul, and now Peter again.
 - _____ Jerusalem (Acts 1-6), Judea and Samaria (Acts 8), Ethiopia (Acts 8), Damascus (Acts 9), Lydda, Sharon, Joppa, and now Caesarea.
 - _____ Shortly after each and every salvation
 - _____ Stephen, Phillip, James
 - “I am with you always” Every time the Holy Spirit is mentioned
- Acts 1:8 is also being accomplished, just as Jesus instructed.
 - Start in Jerusalem My _____ and Friends
 - Go North to Samaria, and South to Judea My _____
 - To the Ends of the Earth _____ my borders
- Our lack of obedience _____ thwart God’s efforts or plans, it can only stop you from receiving the _____ resulting from your obedience.
- God _____ responds to a seeker, with gospel truth and opportunity to respond.

Context:

- Jews and Gentiles generally hate one another, but _____ tolerate as necessary.
- Cornelius was a well-respected, credible, easily identified _____ of the worst kind.
- Peter was the lead apostle, most influential Christian within the _____ covenant.
- There is a **huge transition on the horizon**, made possible by a time of _____.

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1. The Vision:
 - a. The Sheet
 - b. The Animals
 - c. The Voice

2. Peter's Response to the vision:
 - a. I never have and I'm not about to start now.
 - b? Jesus, you asking me to do something unthinkable?
 - c? What am I supposed to do with all this? How do I proceed? How do I obey?

3. God's timing:
 - a. Peter has his vision _____ the men are getting close.
 - b. The men find Simon's house just _____ the vision ends.
 - c. God gave Peter his answer **right when he needed it.** (vs 20)

4. Peter's response to God:
 - a. Why have you come?
 - b. Come inside and be my guest?

Lessons:

1. The third or fourth time God tells you something – it's probably _____.
2. God always _____ both sides of an encounter, so that His will is accomplished.
 - a. Peter and the crowd who heard the miracle of tongues
 - b. Phillip and Simon the sorcerer, Phillip and the Ethiopian.
 - b. Saul and Ananias
3. God's plans have always, and will always move forward at **His pace** and in **His time**.
 - a. Cornelius was not new to religion or to the Jewish God.
 - b. Peter was not new to controversy and new teachings of Jesus.

Big Idea: _____ to God, _____ what He asks, knowing in faith that God's got everything under control; *not necessarily to accomplish your will, but His.*