

# Sermon Series: Acts: The Church on Fire

## Acts 10:1-33 *Faith and Ministry*

**\*When a growing faith meets God's work ministry happens**

⇒ Statue of Christ missing hands so "we can be the hands of Christ."

⇒ Iceberg only shows the "tip" above the water.

### **I. God's Work (10:1-8)**

- A. Cornelius, a centurion
  - i. Italian cohort (most loyal regiment)
  - ii. Devout
  - iii. Matt 8:5-10; Luke 7:5
- B. Angel of God
  - i. A vision
  - ii. God has seen you "memorial" of prayers and "alms"
- C. Simon (Peter) and Simon (Tanner)
  - i. Peter still in Joppa
  - ii. "He will tell you what you must do"
- D. 2 Servants and a devout soldier
  - i. "Exegeted" everything to them of the vision
  - ii. Very trusting of them
  - iii. Another devout Roman (soldier)(whole household)
- E. God is at work in the lives of others**

### **II. Our Faith (10:9-23)**

- A. Peter has a vision
  - i. Next day; about the 6th hour (noon)
  - ii. Hungry and preparing lunch
- B. "Rise, kill, and eat"
  - i. Had vision
  - ii. All kinds of animals (Leviticus 11)
  - iii. "Common" (Unholy) and "unclean" (defiled)
  - iv. What God has made clean do not call common (unholy)**
- C. Peter obeys the Spirit
  - i. Perplexed and pondering but following
  - ii. INvited them in to be his guests
  - iii. Traveled with them to Caesarea
- D. A believer's faith must continue to grow**

### III. Ministry (10:24:33)

- A. Peter meets Cornelius
  - i. I too am a man
  - ii. Unlawful for Peter to be there
  - iii. God has shown me
- B. Cornelius retells the story
- C. All here to hear
  - i. Had called together his relatives and close friends
  - ii. Whole household was devout and feared God
  - iii. In the presence of God to learn about the Lord
- D. When a growing faith meets God's work ministry happens**

### IV. Live It Out

- A. Recognize God working in your life
- B. Continue to grow in faith
- C. Trust God and follow His leading

### V. Wishing or doing?

- A. J M Power quote
  - i. "If you want to make your dreams come true, the first thing you have to do is wake up."
  - ii. Must get up and start doing something
- B. Difference between "wishing" and "doing" is "will"
  - i. Which sounds better: "I wish I could..." or "I do..."
  - ii. The application of "will..." in between makes the change
  - iii. The "do" becomes a result and not just a wish

### VI. When a growing faith meets God's work ministry happens