

PETER'S CHANGES

Acts 10:1-11:18

Change comes by willingly doing things differently

I. OVERCOMING PREJUDICE (10:9-36)

- This usually requires significant changes from us

A. A WILLINGNESS TO PONDER (9-19)

1. God's revelation (9-16)
2. Peter's response (17-19)
 - Perplexed and reflecting

B. A WILLINGNESS TO COMPLY (10:20-27)

1. The Spirit said, "Get up, go" (20)
2. Peter went (21-27)

C. A WILLINGNESS TO LEARN ... (28-36)

1. About Himself (28-29)
2. About Cornelius (30-33)
3. About God (34)
4. About Others (35-36)

II. ADDRESSING GENTILES (10:37-48)

- Speaking to people with whom we're uncomfortable requires change

A. WILLING TO SHARE (37-43)

1. The Jesus News (37-41)
2. The Bad News (42)
3. The Good News (43)

B. WILLING TO ACCEPT ... (44-48)

1. That God didn't need Peter to finish his sermon! (44)
2. That God's Spirit was being poured out on Gentiles! (45-46)
3. That these converts should be baptized (47-48a)
4. That Peter should stay with them a few days (48b)

III. CALMING CHRISTIANS (11:1-18)

- This was a real change of focus for Peter

A. BELIEVER'S ACCUSATIONS (1-3)

1. From the Jerusalem Jews (1-2)
2. That Peter had associated with Gentiles! (3)

B. PETER'S EXPLANATION (4-16)

- A detailed description of what happened and why

C. PETER'S CONCLUSION (17)

- God treated these Gentiles the same as us

D. BELIEVER'S CELEBRATION (18)

- Realizing God had granted Gentiles repentance

CONCLUSION:

Are we willing to do things differently?

1. Do we need a different attitude?
 - What prejudices are holding us back?
2. Do we need a different audience?
 - Are there some we won't speak to?
3. Do we need a different aptitude?
 - Believing that God can save whomever He wills

Might God make us willing to do things differently