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4. Pray for each other and ask for God's help to apply what you have learned.

Read Together - Acts 9:32-42

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36 Now in **Joppa** there was a disciple named **Tabitha** (which translated in Greek is called Dorcas); this woman was **abounding with deeds of kindness and charity** which she continually did. 37 And it happened at that time that she **fell sick and died**; and when they had washed her body, they laid it in an upper room. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, having heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him, imploring him, "Do not delay in coming to us." 39 So Peter arose and went with them. When he arrived, they brought him into the upper room; and all the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them. 40 But Peter sent them all out **and knelt down and prayed**, and turning to the body, he said, "**Tabitha, arise.**" And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. 41 And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. 42 **It became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.**

Talk Together:

1. Why do you think Peter was traveling about the country (v.32)?
2. Who were Aeneas (v.33) and Tabitha (v.36-37)?
3. How did Peter help them? What did he say (v.34) and do (v.40)?
4. What effect did the miracles have on the people in Lydda (v.34-35) and Joppa (v.40-42)?

Conviction:

- I will lift up those who may not know Jesus by telling them about Him.
- I will lift up other Christians by encouraging them.

Application

- What will you do this week to help someone know Jesus?
- What will you do this week to encourage a follower of Jesus?

Pray Together:

Dear Father, thank You for the great love You have shown us. Allow us to give the same comfort and encouragement to others as You have given us through Jesus Christ in the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

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