

East Side Church of God

Life Notes

Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner. –Acts 9:41-43 (ESV)

Hope Rising—Return
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Text: Acts 9:32-43

Hope Calling #1: When our lives are broken and hopeless, we return to hope and wholeness through the **authority** and **power** of Jesus Christ.

Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. –Acts 9:32-35 (ESV)

Hope Calling #2: When our lives are broken and hopeless, Jesus restores us in an intensely **personal encounter**.

So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside... --Acts 9:39-40a (ESV)

Hope Calling #3: When our lives are broken and hopeless, we must **hear** words of hope before we can **speak** words of hope.

But Peter put them all outside, 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.” –Acts 9:40 (ESV)

Hope Calling #4: When our lives are broken and hopeless, hope only returns when we **accept** the **hand extended** to us.

And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all