

Message Title: “WHEN THE WALLS COME DOWN”

**Series: ACTS 180 – When the World
Was Turned Upside Down!**

180 Church | Acts 10:23-48, Luke 4:24-28
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Acts 10:23-27 “So he invited them in to be his guests.

The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. ²⁴ And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. ²⁵ When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. ²⁶ But Peter lifted him up, saying, “Stand up; I too am a man.” ²⁷ And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered.”

Acts 10:28-29 “And he said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. ²⁹ So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me.”

1. How _____ is this?
2. Notice God talks about calling this person _____ or _____.

Luke 6:45 (Jesus) “Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.”

Luke 4:24-28 (Jesus) “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and **Elijah** was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of **Sidon**, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet **Elisha**, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the **Syrian**.” ²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.”

**Could it be that people who have been truly touched
by _____, discover a freedom in extending that
same _____, to others?**

Acts 10:29 “So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me.”

Acts 10:30-33 “And Cornelius said, “Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing ³¹ and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. ³² Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’ ³³ So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

Acts 10:44-48 “While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.”

**There is a connection between your willingness
and God's _____**

Will you say _____?

LOOK IN:

1. How do you respond to God's work in people or groups that seem far from Him? Are you encouraged by it or do you find it hard to accept? Why?
2. Have you thought of God as someone who plays favorites with certain people or groups? How does this passage challenge your thinking and your actions?
3. How does this passage challenge your thinking about the Holy Spirit? How does it encourage you?

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