And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed...

Knowledge is knowing things.
Wisdom is what you do with
what you know.




Wisdom = Knowledge Applied


black sea
Philippi
Neapolis
Thessalonica
Amphipolis
Samothrace
Berea
Troas
Apollonia
MACEDONIA
aegean sea
GALATIA
ASIA
CAPPADOCIA
Pisidian Antioch
Athens
Ephesus
Iconium
Corinth
Lystra
Derbe
Antioch
mediterranean sea
PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY
Acts 15-18
Caesarea
JOPPA
Jerusalem

God still moves. God still speaks. God still saves. God still sends. God still mends. God still heals. God is still building His Church.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

[Acts 1:8]



testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.



But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

[Acts 20:21-24]



YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A HERO TO MAKE AN IMPACT. YOU NEED TO KNOW THE HERO AND BE LED BY HIM.

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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, 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. 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 Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

[Acts 9:36-43]



1) God uses everyday disciples for His glory

We do not determine fruitfulness, we determine faithfulness

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[Acts 9:36]

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[Acts 9:37-38]



2) The gospel changes lives, forgives sin, and changes cities one disciple at a time

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[Acts 9:40-43]



Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

[Ezekiel 37:4-6]



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[Acts 9:42]



Application:



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2. Know how the Gospel has changed your life and be able to articulate the Gospel clearly



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1. Identify every area of your life where God wants to use you to make disciples
2. Know how the Gospel has changed your life and be able to articulate the Gospel clearly
3. Surrender your plans to Him

