

Acts Ch. 9:32-10

“The Grace that does not discriminate”

**How prayer tears down the barriers to the Gospel*

1. Ch.9:32-38 Tearing down barriers of Geography

- i. God’s Kingdom power and authority is not limited to “Jerusalem” (There is geographical location that can’t be reached)
- ii. Miracles are “Signs” that point us to **God’s Kingdom reality** here on earth. They also point to Jesus’s Kingly Power over sickness and death ANYWHERE. (John 11)
- iii. **Prayer** is the tool the Lord uses to reveal HIS power (James 5)

2. Ch.10:1-23 Tearing down barriers of Discrimination

- i. When we **discriminate**, we reject the doctrine of Imago-Dei (We are all created in God’s image, Gen. 1:27, Mark 12:30-31)
- ii. **What group of people or group of sinners have you put up a barrier against? Homosexuals or Trans? Republicans or Democrats? Muslims or Hindus? Black or White etc.? God is calling you to minister the Gospel to them (Jonah and Peter)**
- iii. **Pray** for God to soften your heart towards that person or people. **What word will you share?**

3. V24-48 Tearing down barriers of Religion

- i. *Doing the “religious” things **WON’T** save you or bring you closer to God. (Nicodemus and Corneilus)*
- ii. *How are routine, check-off lists, “things to do” putting up a barrier between your relationship with God?*
- iii. **How is God’s grace through the gospel shaping how you View both Jesus and People?**
- iv. **Pray** for opportunities to minister to people **OUTSIDE** your comfort level.

