

Where's Your Chair?

Acts 9 32-43



Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
Psalm 23:1

Praising:

May the mind of Christ my
Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do and say.

Reading:

Acts 9:32-43
Aeneas, Tabitha and Simon

The residents of Aeneas' home town and surrounding countryside saw all they needed to see. A man they all knew had been confined to bed for eight years is walking among them, upright, mobile and ready to relay his dramatic encounter with the apostle Peter. Likewise, word of Tabitha being raised was enough to convince many in her orbit that God was miraculously at work among the followers of Christ. Those gathered to mourn for

Tabitha saw what they saw and could not keep silent. But not only is Peter performing the same signs of the kingdom that Jesus himself had done. As one who worked with ritually unclean animal carcasses, Simon the tanner was religiously speaking beyond the pale. It's as if Peter had sat down and asked himself: under whose roof would the Lord choose to stay?

Listening:

Praying:

As the apostles sought to live out Christ's example

- Lord send us here and there in the Master's service, in and out among your followers
- Lord lead us to those in need that we may bring them before you in love and prayer
- Lord remind us of the ones we dismiss or reject, those whom Jesus always included

Father: I think of those who have touched me with the healing and acceptance of Christ, and I pray that I may have the joy of touching others in the same gentle and beautiful way. Amen

Doing:

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