



SOAP BIBLE STUDY FOCUS

KINDNESS



TABITHA/DORCAS
ACTS 9:36-42



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Introduction

Today, we're diving into the story of an incredible woman from the Bible who, though she may not be as widely known as others, made a profound impact on her community. Her name is Tabitha, also known by her Greek name Dorcas, and we find her story in Acts 9:36-42.

Tabitha wasn't a prophet or a queen; she was a disciple known for her immense kindness and practical service. Her life exemplifies how our everyday actions and acts of charity can make a significant difference. She lived in the port city of Joppa. She dedicated herself to doing good and helping the poor, especially by making clothes for the widows.

Tabitha's story becomes even more remarkable when we learn about the miracle that occurred after her death.

In this micro-module, we'll explore how her story can inspire us to use our gifts and compassion to serve others.



And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God also in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

Introduction, cont'd

The widows of her community, deeply moved by her kindness, sought out Peter, who was nearby in Lydda, to come and help. When Peter arrived, he saw the physical evidence of her love and service in the garments she had made.

After a moment of prayer, Peter commanded Tabitha to rise, and she was restored to life. This miracle not only brought joy and amazement to her friends but also led many in Joppa to believe in the Lord.

Let's see what we can learn from her example and how we can apply these lessons in our own lives.





SCRIPTURE

Read Acts 9:36-42 carefully!

Pay special attention to how, through Tabitha's life and even in her death, she shows the power of faithful service and the incredible ways God can use our everyday kindness to reveal His love to the world.



SCRIPTURE, cont'd

Acts 9:36-42 (WEB)

36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which, when translated, means Dorcas.[a] This woman was full of good works and acts of mercy which she did.

37 In those days, she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

38 As Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men[b] to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them.

39 Peter got up and went with them. When he had come, they brought him into the upper room. All the widows stood by him, weeping and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them.

40 Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed. Turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

41 He gave her his hand and raised her up. Calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

42 This became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.



OBSERVATION

In the story of Tabitha (Dorcas) from Acts 9:36-42, we observe her life characterized by compassionate service and charity, her community's deep appreciation of her good works, and the miraculous resurrection by Peter, which affirmed the power of faith and led many to believe in the Lord.

Let's break these observations down a little further.



OBSERVATION, cont'd

Identity: Tabitha, also known as Dorcas, was a disciple known for her acts of kindness and charity. She was always doing good and helping people experiencing poverty, particularly the widows, which reflects her compassionate nature.

Impact: Her death caused significant mourning in her community, evidenced by the widows showing Peter the clothes she had made for them. This indicates her impact on the lives of those around her.

Miracle: The disciples' faith in calling Peter shows their belief in God's power to perform miracles. Peter's prayer and the subsequent miracle of raising Dorcas from the dead demonstrate faith's power and intercessory prayer's importance.

Witness: Her resurrection led to many in Joppa believing in the Lord, showing how acts of kindness and miracles can be powerful testimonies to others.





APPLICATION

So what can we take away from this retelling of Dorcas' life?

It's easy to discount the life of someone who lived long ago. We may not be able to relate to their time.

However, some lessons can be learned independent of the period of history, a woman's culture, or their environment.



APPLICATION, cont'd

- **Acts of Service:** Like Dorcas, we are called to serve others and use our gifts to positively impact our communities. This might involve practical acts of kindness, such as providing for those in need, using our skills to help others, or simply offering support.
- **Community Impact:** Dorcas' life teaches us that our actions can profoundly affect those around us. Even after her death, her good deeds were remembered and honored. This encourages us to consider living in a way that leaves a lasting positive legacy.
- **Faith in Action:** The story shows the power of faith and the importance of believing in God's ability to work miracles. It challenges us to trust in God's power to intervene in difficult situations and proactively seek help through prayer and community.
- **Testimony:** Dorcas' resurrection became a testimony that led many to believe in the Lord. Our lives and actions can similarly testify to God's love and power.



PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for the example of Dorcas and her acts of kindness.

Help me selflessly serve others and use my gifts to benefit those around me. Increase my faith, and let my actions testify to Your love and power.

Teach me to trust in Your ability to work miracles and to rely on You in all situations.

In Jesus' name, I pray.

Amen.



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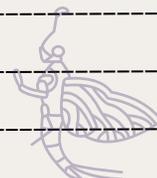
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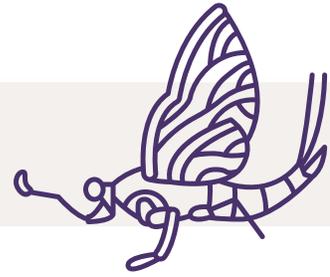
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PRAYER

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