

## **Peter's Vision**

Acts 10:1-23

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At Caesarea on the Sea there was a Roman centurion named Cornelius. He was a good man who worshipped God and gave generously to the poor. One afternoon an angel came to him and said, "Send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Peter. He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea."

Cornelius sent three men to Joppa. At about noon the next day as they were approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He was hungry, but while a meal was being prepared for him, he fell into a trance. He saw the sky open and something like a large sheet being let down by its four corners. In it were all kinds of animals that Jewish people are not supposed to eat. Then a voice told him, "Peter, get up, kill, and eat."

Peter said, "Lord, I have never eaten anything unclean."

The voice replied, "What God has made clean, you must not call unclean."

This happened three times, and then the sheet was taken back up into the sky.

Peter was puzzling over the vision when the Holy Spirit said, "Peter, three men are here looking for you. Get up and go downstairs. Don't hesitate to go with them. I have sent them."

Peter went down and said to the men, "I'm the one you're looking for. What brought you here?"

"Cornelius the centurion sent us. An angel told him to summon you to his home, so he could hear what you have to say."

Peter invited them to spend the night. The next day he went with them, accompanied by some of the believers from Joppa.