**The Greatest Story Ever Told Part 2
Acts 10:30-11:18 (page 787)**

**Main Truth**
There are many voices in this world promising Life, but there is only one that can deliver on that promise.

**Structure Thoughts**

**30And Cornelius said, “Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing 31and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God.  32Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’  33So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”**

**34So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.**

**39And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.**

**42And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.  43To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”**

**44While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. 45And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. 46For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, 47“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”  48And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.**

**1Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.  2So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, 3“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.”**

**4But Peter began and explained it to them in order: 5“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me.  6Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air.  7And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’  8But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’  9But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’  10This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven.**

**11And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea.  12And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.  13And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; 14he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’**

**15As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning.  16And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’  17If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?”  18When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”**

**Take Home Question: Where are you with God?**

**Themes in Acts:** Witness, Growing Church, Glory of God, Filling of the Holy Spirit, Boldness, Prayer, Persecution