



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture: Acts 10

Title: "A Devoted Roman"

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Summary of Chapter

Acts 10 is considered a significant turning point in Acts. It is in this chapter that the Holy Spirit fell on non-Jews for the first time. This group of non-Jews belonged to the household of Cornelius, a devoted and God-fearing Roman.

Key Verse(s) NLT

How does it speak to me?

²² They said, "We were sent by Cornelius, a Roman officer. He is a devout and God-fearing man, well respected by all the Jews. A holy angel instructed him to summon you to his house so that he can hear your message."

Cornelius was described as a Roman, yet a man well-spoken of by all Jews. This is amazing given that Jews normally do not have the best regards for the Romans who are their conquerors and are Gentiles. Therefore, Cornelius must have lived a life that was missional even though he was not a Jew. As such, to the Jews, Cornelius was someone that they respected.

This verse caused me to reflect on how our spiritual walk are being regarded by people around us. Over the years, I realised that whether we are intentional or not, we are ambassadors of Christ wherever we are. Do we therefore come across as devout and God fearing? Or are we men fearers or pleasers?

On this, God reminded me of an experience that I had where on this particular day I felt prompted to search my name on the web. And from the google search, I saw a write-up by one of my previous staff on me. In it, he described me as 'A holy man'. I was quite surprised as I was just being myself in my conduct at work. That write-up however was very encouraging to me as I saw how people can see God through the life that I lived wherever I am.

So, can we all imagine the impact we can have for the Kingdom if people around the world can see believers living out a devout and God fearing lifestyle in the workplace, in our homes and in our school. They cannot see God, but they can see God through us.

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:

How do you think will people in your workplace, friends, church family and home describe your spiritual walk? What are aspects of your life that you can work on to live an even greater missional life wherever we are at.

Youth:

How do you think will people in your school, friends, church family and home describe your spiritual life? What are aspects of your life that you can work on to live an even greater missional life wherever you are.

Child:

We can show Jesus' love to others through our words and actions. Say something nice to 3 different people in school everyday.

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:

Dear God, we ask for the Holy Spirit's enablement to be Your witnesses wherever we are. Help us to be devout and God-fearing men and women wherever we are. And through that, may we will draw many people to seek and know You as their Lord and Savior.

Thanksgiving Prayer:

I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)

Intercessory Prayer:

I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)

Salvation Prayer:

I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.