



Order of Worship April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song Prayer

We Listen to the Word

Sermon Series: ALIVE Sermon: "Part V. Reliance"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Doxology Blessing and Sending

Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen







Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- 1. Why is it important to consider what you will leave behind (impact, difference you might make, story you will later tell, etc) when making a decision? How could asking that question change what you do or don't do?
- 2. Dorcas' death was what brought Peter to Joppa, where he would later receive a vision from God that made it clear Jesus had come for the Gentiles (non-Jewish people) too. Has God ever used a death or ending in your life to lead you to where he would do a new thing?
- 3. In your own life, how have you seen God use something small to make a big difference? What is a gift, talent, resource, experience, etc. "in your hand" that God may be wanting to use that you are taking for granted or think is insignificant?
- 4. Who has been a Dorcas for you? What did they leave "in your hand?"
- 5. In their own way, how did Peter and Dorcas each rely on God? What spiritual ripples resulted? What does a life look like that shows reliance on God?
- 6. How was the ministry of Jesus carried out by the people in this story of resurrection?
- 7. If you could write one sentence of your own obituary as an aspiration of what you'd like to be known for, what would you write? (ex. "Dorcas was always doing good and helping the poor.")

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ALIVE "Part V. Reliance " Pastor Kris Beckert

When you leave this life, what do you want to leave behind?

I. A Story of Resurrection in the Bible: _____ and _____

Acts 9:36-43. In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" ³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. ⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

• The Gospels tells the story of Jesus' ministry

- The Book of Acts tells the story of Jesus' ministry through his _____
- This story occurred during a time of ______ for Christians

Acts 9:31 Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

II. Leaving a Godly Legacy:

1. Be faithful with what is in _____ hand

v.36 she was always doing good and helping the poor.

- Dorcas used her passion for _____ to be used by God
- God puts gifts, passions, talents, time, and resources in our hands to go beyond us

2. Leave something good in ______ hands

v.39 All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

3. Rely on _____ hand

v.42 This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

Big Idea: