

# Peter Heals

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## Acts 9:32-43

1. Think about the two heals. What details are remarkable about Aeneas and Tabitha's healing?
2. What are the similarities and the differences of how Peter approached the two healings? Is there a reason he approached these healings the way he did?
3. After being healed, how do you think Aeneas and Tabitha's lives changed?
4. It talks about how both Lydda, Sharon, and Joppa's communities believed in the Lord, because of these healings. Image and describe how these communities might have changed.
5. Are there places in your life that need healing? What are they and how can people come beside you to help?
6. Jerome H Neyrey of the University of Notre Dame states, "One can and should know one's place in the purity system at all times, but for this one needs a specific *map of impurities*. *M. Kelim* lists "ten degrees of uncleanness in men," which classifies the contaminant, how long he is contaminated, and what must be done to remove the respective degree of contamination... It is safe to say that Israel was both intensely concerned with purity and with the appropriate lines and boundaries which classified everything in its proper place--even uncleanness." Peter would have been unclean entering into these places where he was healing these two people. Also, in Acts 9:43, Peter is staying in a house of a tanner. This would have been an unclean place to stay, because he is around a bunch of animal carcasses. Now knowing the significant of being clean and pure for a Jew, do you think this was hard for Peter?
7. What might have God been trying to teach Peter by entering into these situations?
8. Everyone in these verses are being transformed by God. He is a God that wants to continue to transform us. Read Romans 12:2. What are ways that the Lord wants you to be transformed right now?