

God at Work



Acts 10:1-11:18

Have you ever been travelling down the road and come upon a construction zone and notice that sometimes fifteen hundred feet before it starts, they start warning you to slow down? The speed limit will go from 65 to 55 to 45, and sometimes, depending upon how narrow the opening is where the construction is being done, it can get down to 35 miles per hour. Many times, there is that sign right before you get to the construction zone that says, MEN AT WORK. Sometimes there's another sign that basically says if you get caught speeding in the construction zone, the fine will be doubled.

As I read Acts chapter 10, I want to title this Scripture with this title: God at Work. I think it's really important for you and I to understand that we're going to cover a lot of material this morning. We're going to start with Acts chapter 10 verse 1 and try to get through Acts chapter 11 verse 18. I know some of you believe I can't do that, but if you'll let me get out of my Toyota and get in a little jet, we're going to try to fly through this passage because I want all of us to see the big picture. It's obvious in the book of

Acts that God is at work. I want to make sure that we don't get so caught up in the details of what God is doing that we forget to see God. We're going to see God in the life of Cornelius. We're going to see God in the life of Simon Peter. Then, when these two guys come together, we're going to see that God's actually at work in the house where these two guys meet. When it's over and Cornelius is saved, Peter goes back to Jerusalem and he's going to get criticized. I want to make sure that we don't just focus on the criticism, but we see God at work in the life of His Church.

In Acts chapter 10, the story gets off of Saul, and it gets back on Peter. If you remember when Luke introduced us to Saul and begins to concentrate on his conversion, it leaves the story of Philip and then it tells us again what Saul had been doing, and Saul was ravaging the Church, Saul was persecuting the Church. We've been focusing on Saul and his conversion. Because he's been called to be a chosen instrument, a messenger to the Gentiles, we believe that pretty soon he will introduce the Gentiles to the truth of Jesus Christ, but he's not going to. Just like we thought the apostles were probably going to take the gospel to Samaria and to Judea and to Galilee, they didn't do it. Who did it? The deacons did, and the early Church did as they were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria because of the persecution.

Now our attention is back on Peter. If you remember, Peter and John came down to Samaria. They checked out what Philip was doing. They laid hands on the disciples who had been saved, and they received the Holy Spirit. Now the emphasis leaves the apostles, and focuses on one apostle, Peter. Peter is in Joppa. He has just knelt down and prayed, and a lady named Tabitha (translated Dorcas), who was dead, came back to life. Now, the reason he was in Joppa is because he had just been in a nearby city where he met a guy who had been paralyzed for 8 years, and he just told the guy, *Hey, Jesus heals you, rise up and make up your bed*, and the guy rose up and made up his bed. Can you imagine being used of God to actually raise someone from the dead and restore life back to someone's legs? So when the disciples heard Peter was close by, they sent word to come because of Tabitha. When those two events are recorded at the end of Acts chapter 9, it says that two whole towns turned to the Lord after

seeing the paralyzed man walk. And when Tabitha was raised back from the dead, it said *many believed in the Lord*. Then, at the end of chapter 9, it says Peter is in the house of Simon the tanner, by the sea in Joppa.

Peter and Cornelius

Now we fast-forward in chapter 10 to a man who is in Caesarea. Caesarea is about 30 miles north on the seacoast of Joppa. This is a devout man, a God-fearing man. He is a Roman centurion, so he's literally a Gentile who is leading a group of Roman soldiers to make sure that in the northern part of Israel, everything is under Rome's control. The Bible says Cornelius is praying. Now if you're one of those people who have been raised to believe that God doesn't answer the prayer of a lost man, you're going to be corrected this morning. Cornelius is a man who does not know Christ. He is lost, but he prays. He not only prays, but the Bible says he's generous in giving alms to other people. In other words, he sees needs in the community and he supports those needs. While he is praying, he sees a vision, and an angel of God appears to him. Now I think this is odd. Do you remember Saul the Pharisee on the road to Damascus who is persecuting the Church? When the Lord appears to him, he says, *who are you, Lord?* Cornelius is a Gentile who is lost. He is not a Jew who has the special revelation of God. He is not a man who's spent his entire life studying the Old Testament. He's not a scholar. But when the Lord breaks into his life, he doesn't even know who he is. And he has to ask, *who are you, Lord?* Now, I want to make sure that you understand this. The Bible teaches that there are two kinds of revelations that God gives to men. He gives the light of general revelation that comes through nature, and then He gives the light of special revelation, which comes through the Bible. Being a Gentile, Cornelius has the light of general revelation, but he's also in the nation of Israel, coming in contact with Jewish people, so he has a little light of special revelation too. It causes him to acknowledge that there is a God. He's trying to serve God. He's trying to please God. He's trying to be made right with God with what he does, yet he doesn't know Christ. We see that while he's praying, God breaks into his life and gives him more light. He actually answers his prayer. Wow! Isn't that awesome? I believe with all of my heart that if there are people around the globe who are trying to live

up to what light they have, our God is going to make sure they get more light and more revelation. Here is what happens: the angel actually tells Cornelius that there's a man he needs to invite over to his house. He doesn't just need to invite him over to his house; he needs to send somebody to get him. He does. He sends two of his servants and one of his soldiers.

I want to make sure that you understand this. We're going to see another salvation, but the salvation does not start with God working in the life of Peter. The salvation starts with God working in the life of the lost person. The book of Acts is written historically to give us a picture of the early Church. It's also written to be an example to us. It is important that we understand that God is already at work in the life of the person He wants you and I to witness to. Wow! Now, they are probably not receiving a vision of an angel speaking to them. But remember in the book of Acts, we're in that transitional time between the Old Testament and the New Testament. We're transitioning from God speaking in various ways to His people in the Old Testament to God speaking to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, and through the written revelation (the Bible) to us about Him. Can you imagine being a lost person and God has told you: *I see your generosity, I've heard your prayers, and they're now a memorial to Me. I remember you because of what you're doing and what you've been saying to me.*

Peter's Vision

Now we move from Caesarea to Joppa, 30 miles south. Do you remember the Old Testament story of Joppa? A man went down to Joppa and instead of doing what God wanted him to do; he tried to run from God. We're now going to meet Simon Peter, who is in the house of Simon the tanner. In other words, you could smell where he was, literally, a half a mile away. It was a stinky, stinky occupation. Most Jewish people would not have anything to do with tanners because of their occupation. Simon Peter, for some reason, is hanging out with Simon, the tanner. It's noon time. He's hungry and they are preparing food for him. He goes up on the roof top and he falls into a trance. In the trance, the Holy Spirit speaks to him. As

the Holy Spirit begins to speak to him, he sees a sheet fall out of Heaven, and the corners of this sheet cover the earth. Let me just say it's not a twin-size sheet. It's not a king-size sheet. It's a world-size sheet! This sheet is being held at the four corners of the earth, and all of the sudden, Simon Peter realizes it's full of all kinds of animals. Now remember, he's hungry. Somebody's preparing food for him. Now, in his trance, he sees a vision of all of this food, and the Holy Spirit tells him to rise and eat. He looks at the sheet and says, *No, no, no. I would never eat that because I have never put anything unclean in my body.* What a statement! Now, you all know what this means. It means he's never had barbequed ribs. Can you imagine that a sheet comes down out of Heaven and it has barbequed ribs on it, and the one barbequing is God, and you say no? When Peter looked at the sheet more fully, there was some lobster, maybe, or shrimp; all kinds of foods that he, being a Jew, had never eaten because these foods weren't kosher according to Leviticus chapter 11. He had never eaten food like that, so he refused to eat. The Spirit spoke to him again; he refused to eat. It took three times of the Spirit speaking to him, and the last thing the Spirit told him was, *there's some men knocking at the door. You go with them.* All of a sudden, he's out of the trance and he's fully awake. Peter goes downstairs to the men who are already at the door, and he says, *who are you looking for?* They say *we're looking for Simon, called Peter.* He says *that's me. What do you want?* And then Peter hears them say, *our master, Cornelius, has seen a vision and we've been sent to you because God told him that you could tell him what he needs to know about you.* This man's a Gentile! Is this awesome, or is this awesome? At the same time God was working in the life of Cornelius, he was working in the life of Peter.

Do you sense God at work in you? Is it possible that some of the things God is showing us at this very moment are being shown to us for a reason? Maybe the reason he's doing it is for somebody else and you're a part of God's plan for somebody else. That's humbling, but it's also honoring. Now, are some of you like me and Peter? You're a little slow, so God doesn't just say it once. He doesn't just say it twice. He has to say it three times. Have you ever look back on your life and think, *whoa! I'm slower than Peter, because it took years for me to get what God was trying*

to share with me! Why was God trying to share whatever He was trying to share with you? It was so that you would recognize when the opportunity came to share Christ with someone who didn't know Christ, and it may not be who you think it's going to be.

Peter goes to Cornelius' House

This is going to blow Peter's mind. Look what he does when he answers the door...he invites them in. This is somebody that he would never sit down and eat with, and he now invites them in. Luke says he invited them into the house, and they spent the rest of the day (this happened at noon). The next morning, they head out to Cornelius' house. Here is what we see: God is at work in Cornelius' life, and He's at work in the life of Peter. Watch this. If there's ever been a divine encounter, here's a divine encounter.

Now, I want to make a note here, and we've got to hear this as the Church. If we're going to use the book of Acts at all in our life, we have to remember that God never wanted us to build buildings so that lost people who come to where we are and hear what we have to say. Amen? God doesn't tell sinners to come to us. He tells us to go to the sinner. It would have been really easy for the angel to say to Cornelius, *Hey, God wants you to go find Peter*. Nope. He said I want you to go tell Peter that you need *him* to come to *your* house so he can talk to you. Are you hearing me? We have to get it out of our heads that lost people are supposed to come to where we are. We are supposed to go to where they are.

Praise God that Peter does. Peter goes into the house, (I love this) I know you've read this, but it wasn't just Cornelius. He had his relatives, and he had his friends. Peter walks into a packed house, but it wasn't God's house, it wasn't a church; it was Cornelius' house. This is a lost man who was so excited that God was answering his prayer that he didn't just believe God was answering it for him; he also wanted his family and friends to know what God was going to tell him!

We have no idea of the influence that the person we're going to tell about Christ has with others. If truth be known, if you've been a Christian for about four or five years, you don't know many lost people now. When I

say, "know," I mean you don't hang with them anymore. Normally, a Christian tells all their friends about Jesus, they come to know Jesus, and then after a few years, the ones who don't know Jesus don't really want to hang with us anymore. Then, once we get into Sunday school, small groups, serving, coming to church, and hanging out with people who are sanctified, let's be honest, we don't want to hang with them anymore.

Please hear me. God is not only going to be in Cornelius' life as a sinner, and He's not only in Peter's life as a saint, He's in the house. He's going to be at work where they meet and there's going to be a lot of others there who have been influenced to be there because of Cornelius, not Peter. Peter is honest right-up-front. He says, *hey guys; you know I'm breaking the law*. When he says he's breaking the law, he's not talking about breaking the Roman law; he's breaking the Jewish law. He's going against everything he's been taught. He says, *I'm not supposed to be here*, and Cornelius knew why he wasn't supposed to be there. He knew that Peter, being a Jew, was prejudice, and he's an apostle. The Catholic Church believes he is the forerunner of the first Pope. Let me just say that this passage shows he wasn't infallible. He was prejudice to the core. He just honestly said *hey, I'm breaking the law; I'm not supposed to be here*. What he really should have said is *I didn't even want to be here because you're a Gentile*. I'm sure he looked around the house and saw things that he wasn't comfortable with because he was kosher. He was trying to be pure. Now he's getting it. When he walks into that house, he understands that the sheet that was coming down out of Heaven didn't have anything to do with pork. It didn't have anything to do with lobster. It didn't have anything to do with rabbit. It had to do with people. The Jewish people obeyed the dietary laws of God, and because those dietary laws were to remind them that they were His people, they made a clean separation of themselves, not only from food, but from the people who ate those foods.

What the Jewish people didn't understand that we, as Christians, don't understand is you can actually eat with someone and not eat of what they're eating. Did you hear me? *But it's just easier to stay away...*and that's what Peter and the apostles, and the Jewish nation did. That is what the Church is now doing because they've been influenced, not by being a

Christian, but by being a Jew. If I have to say it plainly, I'll say it plainly. There are many of us that aren't fully influenced by being a Christian; we're fully influenced by being an American. Because of that, we have prejudices, just like Peter.

But now, Peter begins to tell them why he's there. He knows why he's there. He begins to ask Cornelius, *why did you send for me?* Cornelius begins to talk about what happened four days ago when he was praying. Peter knows, and Cornelius knows that the Holy Spirit has been at work in his life, telling him there would be a man who has been ordained by God to come and tell him how he can be right with God, and he not only be right with God, he wanted his family and friends to be right with God. So, Cornelius basically says, *what God wants me to know?* Now, at first he was so excited that he worshipped Peter. Can you imagine somebody worshipping Peter? But Cornelius doesn't know what you and I know about Peter, right? All he knows is that he's the one God's sent to tell him how to be right with Him, but he went a little overboard. The book of Acts is not trying to get us to see Peter; it's trying to get us to see God, because it's God at work through Peter, it's God at work through the life of Cornelius, and it's actually going to be God at work in the house.

Gentiles Hear the Gospel

Now, Peter begins to preach to a packed house...not God's house, Cornelius' house. The first thing Peter says is there is no partiality with God, in *every* nation of people. I get so aggravated to see that Christian side of the Church that wants to favor a certain nation or a certain people. You either believe the Bible or you don't. Peter said there's no partiality with God. What is Luke trying to say to you and I as the Church? We don't let our physical citizenship cause us to be blind to God's redemptive plan for the world. The book of Revelation is going to clearly teach that out of every nation, out of every tribe, out of every people group, there is going to be a representative throughout all of eternity because of the victorious death of Jesus Christ on the cross. Therefore, you and I, the Church, realize that we've been called, not to be a witness just to Hardin, not to just be a witness to Marshall and Calloway counties, not just to be a

witness to the state of Kentucky, not just to be a witness to America, but to be a witness to the world, just like the early Church was!

Then Peter defines it. Yes, God had a plan for the nation and the world, but the plan started with one nation, and that nation was Israel, so Peter spoke a word to Israel, not through the Old Testament law, but through Jesus. He reminds Cornelius, who's in the northern part of Israel and Caesarea... *You've heard that special revelation. You've heard about Jesus, and you've heard about how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power. You have heard how He went everywhere, beginning with the baptism of John, and He healed all of those who were oppressed by the devil. You heard how we, the Jews killed Him, but God raised Him from the dead. And we are witnesses to this. We ate with Him, we drank with Him, we fellowshiped with Him, He appeared to us, His witnesses, not to all people, but to those whom He chose to be a witness.*

I can't emphasize this enough...God broke into your life and my life with special revelation so that we would be a witness to what He did in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You know what witnesses do, right? They testify. They testify to what they know. You are a witness. I am a witness. I want to make sure you're getting this. I want to make sure we're clear here. You and I are witnesses for God. We are on His witness list. You never know when you're going to be called to bear witness, but you have to be ready at all times to witness about what you know about the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Listen to me, Peter said that Jesus didn't choose to reveal Himself to everybody, but the ones He did choose to reveal Himself to, He did it for a purpose. And that wasn't so you'd go to Heaven; it was for you to be a witness to others. Please tell me that you're getting this. Isn't this amazing?

Peter recognizes that he isn't the only witness. Can you imagine what it would be like to be the only witness to something and everything depended on you? In verse 43, according to the ESV, Peter says, "To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name." He said "all the prophets." Being a person who's familiar with the Old Testament scriptures, Peter is saying

that all the prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Micah (we can just go through the list), they all bear witness. What do they bear witness to? When the Messiah comes, the people who believe in the Messiah, which is Jesus, will receive forgiveness of sins. Wow! That's what you and I are called to witness to. We're called to witness to people who don't know Christ. When we witness to people who don't know Christ, the moment they believe, (not just an intellectual belief but a heart belief, a commitment, a trust, a reliance upon) the moment they do that in their heart, they receive forgiveness of all of their sin. Let me just add past, present, and future at one time, all sin forgiven because of the blood of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles

I love this: While Peter was preaching...no invitation, no music, no worship leader coming up and announcing the hymnal and everyone standing to sing, (I'm not saying that's wrong) but while he was saying what he was saying, the Holy Spirit fell on all those who heard. Everybody in the house receives the gift of the Holy Spirit while Peter is preaching! Paul has told us that faith comes from hearing, and hearing from the word of Christ. When the gospel is preached, the gospel creates faith, and everyone in the house believed, and everyone in the house received forgiveness of sin! I don't know about you, but when their service was over, I have to believe that Cornelius felt a little bad about somebody else that he forgot to invite. I imagine when that service was over, all of those Gentiles who got saved went home saying, *Boy, I wish so-and-so would have been here today*, because everybody who heard received the Spirit!

Then, the Bible says they spoke in other languages and they glorified God. The six men (we're going to learn this in chapter 11) who came with Peter, are astonished. They don't know what to say because God has given His gift of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to Gentiles! There is no laying on of the hands like there was in Samaria because there is an apostle in the house. There's an apostle preaching the Word. There's an apostle under the filling of God's Holy Spirit. Notice, it's not even like Acts chapter 2.

In Acts chapter 2, when they asked what they had to do to get what they had, the same Peter said to a Jewish audience, "Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." In Acts chapter 2, to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you had to repent and you had to be baptized. Not in Acts chapter 10. Please hear me. In Acts chapter 10, the gospel goes to a Gentile, which is a picture of the gospel going to the Gentile nations. That is you and me. We are Gentiles. Our friends, our neighbors, our relatives who don't know Christ, who are not Jewish, they're Gentiles. What had God done for Gentiles? He's given them the gift of the Holy Spirit. The moment they heard, the moment they believed, they received the Holy Spirit! What does this mean? It means they are right with God. Their sins have been forgiven!

Gentiles Receive Baptism

Peter now turns to those six Jews who came with him and says, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" I've been here a long time, and I remember the days when someone put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ and we had to have a motion, then we had to have a second, and then the church had to vote whether to baptize them or not. That is what's going on here. Peter is turning to the part of the church that's with him, saying *hey, anybody have a motion? Anybody have a second?* No, he didn't do it that way, but he says *hey, here's what I'm thinking should come next. I think we should baptize these guys because they have received the Holy Spirit just like we have. Do any of you want to be the ones to say they shouldn't be baptized?* Silence...What did Peter do? He dunked them; he baptized them. Amen! He baptized them. Why did he baptize them? He baptized them because they have the Holy Spirit. Why do they have the Holy Spirit? They have the Holy Spirit because they are made right with God. Their sins have been forgiven. The old man is dead; they're a brand-new person in Christ. They have evidence of that. They have the indwelling of the Spirit within them! I don't know why this is fuzzy, but I know it is. As the book of Acts transitions and we go from Jerusalem to Samaria to the Gentiles, we don't baptize people to get their sins forgiven. We baptize people because

their sins are forgiven, and they have the Holy Spirit of God within them! The person who has the Holy Spirit within them will give evidence of the Holy Spirit.

Now we know in the book of Acts in the transitional period between the Old and the New, when the gospel came to a people group for a first time, Jew to Gentile, there was the sign gift of languages, tongues, a gift from the Holy Spirit. If you're like me, you didn't get that gift, but I got another gift. You got a different gift from the Holy Spirit. Are you giving evidence of having the Holy Spirit in your life? Every born-again believer should be giving evidence to others so that nobody has a doubt on why we got dunked, because it's evident in our life that we know the one who died, was buried and rose again, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God. His Spirit lives within us, and our life gives evidence of that.

Peter Returns to Criticism in Jerusalem

Now, watch this. Poor Peter. Do you remember Philip? Philip led the Ethiopian to Christ, and then he got raptured, so being an apostle, Peter had to go back to Jerusalem. Just as soon as he got back to Jerusalem, word had already gotten back that he had eaten with a Gentile. Now, I know we cannot imagine this at Hardin, but can you imagine Peter, an apostle, leader of the Church, coming back, and instead of everyone high-fiving him, *Wow! Tell me what it was like being in the house of a Gentile and that Gentile coming to know Christ! Tell me what it was like when the Spirit filled the place, and everybody in the house got saved! Tell me about it!* That's not what they said... *What in the world were you doing, eating with a Gentile?* They criticized.

Luke tells us they were of the party of the circumcision. Now, I don't think this is referring to Jews outside of the Church, I think this is referring to those Jews who are inside the Church who were believers. There's a whole group of them. They just banded together, because if there was one thing they were going to do, by the grace of God, they were going to preserve circumcision because it's the mark of being God's covenant people. They had a principle, a principle that was so strong in their mind that they were

going to buck Peter, one of the apostles, a leader of the early Church. You have to admire them. I know some Baptists like that who has had some things handed down to them for years and they're going to defend that, and they are critical.

Are you getting this picture? Peter just starts telling what God did. First, I want to make sure you know where I'm going here because English translators make a clean break between chapter 10 and chapter 11 and they start a new chapter. But if you read it, Luke doesn't add any other stories. He goes straight from the household of Cornelius to God's house. Do you hear that? He goes from what happened in Cornelius' house to what is happening in His house, and there are some things in His house that are wrong. There are some things that have been brought into His house from Judaism that God doesn't want in His house. Am I clear? God is going to deal with that. See, I've made this point before, but I need to make it again. Because of our sanctification and setting ourselves apart from certain things, there are some of us in the Church who have also set ourselves apart from the person who does that thing. If we're not careful, just like Peter, and just like the party of the circumcision in the Church who were believers, we have prejudices too. Come on, you know you do. The next time you watch your Twitter feed, the next time you watch your news channel, just hear the prejudices. Hear the disapproval. Hear the hatred toward everybody who is not like that person or that group. Now, we can't control what is happening out there, but we can control what's happening in here. And in the salvation of people, many times God is at work in the life of His Church to correct wrong beliefs and wrong doctrines.

Now, Peter begins to explain, *I didn't want to go! I'd never eaten anything, got this sheet come down from Heaven, God said to rise and eat. I realized He's not talking about animals, He's talking about people, there was a knock on the door, and all of a sudden, the Spirit said to go.* (Notice that an angel spoke to Cornelius and the Spirit spoke to Peter.) *The Spirit told me to go, and I went. I got in the house and started telling people about Jesus. When I started telling people about Jesus, the Holy Spirit fell.* Then, and I love this; in Acts 11, Peter took them back to Jesus and says, "And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John baptized with water,

but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” Peter associates what was happening when he was preaching to what Jesus was talking about when he was talking about the Holy Spirit falling on people. And then, he just said *you surely didn't expect me to buck God, did you, and withhold baptism since they received the same gift as we did when we believed?*

Now, please hear me. I know some of us were not raised under the preaching of salvation by grace through faith alone. There were a lot of other things like ordinances that was brought into it also. In many churches, Acts 2:38 is a proof text for them that to receive the Holy Spirit, to receive the forgiveness of sins, you have to believe and be baptized, and upon baptism is when you received remission of sins. But if you read Acts 11 carefully, Peter says, *how could I not baptize them when they had received the Holy Spirit just like we did, when we believed?* Whoa! Then the Jews with him perceived that God granted repentance to life. Repentance and faith are two sides of the same coin.

Conclusion

Can I just be honest? Every person in the world is going to be made right with God the same way that you and I are made right with God, and that's through hearing the gospel, coming under the power of the Holy Spirit, and opening our eyes to the truth of the gospel. The moment we believe, we are made right with God. We receive the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 1:13-14 is clear. The moment you believe the gospel, the good news of your salvation, you are sealed with the Holy Spirit, sealed until the day of redemption. What does a believer do? He does the same thing the Ethiopian eunuch did. You do the same thing these Gentiles in the house of Cornelius did. You find a place of water. Then you go down under that water, and you come out of that water because you want to identify with everybody that your faith is in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Once you do that, you realize you're on the witness list. Amen! We live our whole life on the witness list, just waiting for the moment when God might call us to give witness to someone else about what we know is true, and that is that Jesus died for our sin, was buried, and three days later He rose again, He's seated at the right-hand throne of God, and He's

coming again. Wow! That's our hope, and we've been called to be a witness. Are you ready? This week, God might just call you, and He just might call me to be a witness.