



HERE AM I SEND ME



“Peter’s Pride & Prejudice”

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Text: Acts 10:24-29

Introduction: We are continuing our series entitled “Here Am I, Send Me: The Acts of the Apostles” as we endeavor to learn more about the faith of the apostles, the work of the early church, and the spread of Christianity. As we noted last week, God is trying to get the early church outside of their box. Despite having supernatural gifts, they are all human. So Luke does a beautiful thing and reveals their flaws and faults to us. In a way, he is also illuminating a central truth of the Christian faith. We need to grow in our spiritual walk. We never reach a plateau where we no longer need to mature. What can we learn from Peter’s experience with Cornelius? Let’s study together....

Discussion:

I. Learn to Remain Impartial

James 2:1, 4,9, Exodus 23:3, Leviticus 19:5, Deuteronomy 1:17, II Chronicles 19:7,
Romans 2:11, Ephesians 6:9, Acts 10:34

II. Learn to Reserve Judgment

I Samuel 16:7, Psalm 139, James 3:17, James 2:2

III. Learn to Remove Classifications

Ephesians 2:14, Galatians 3:28, John 17, I Corinthians 1:10, Acts 2:42-47, Acts 4:32-35

IV. Learn to Reflect God

Deuteronomy 10:17, Deuteronomy 16:19, Leviticus 19:15, II Timothy 4:8,
Romans 12:2, II Corinthians 3:18

V. Learn to Reveal Truth

Isaiah 55:9, James 2:5, Acts 10:22-48, Ephesians 4:15, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16

Conclusion: The book of Acts may have had a beginning and an end, but the work of the Jesus in this world has not concluded. The work of the church is not over. We have a mission to take the gospel to all people. We need to learn to love all of our earthly brothers! Are you ready to say, “Here am I, send me!” Are you ready to be a living witness? Have you shared your story?