

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:1-16

If we are to be faithful witnesses to the love and grace of God through Jesus Christ, we need God's presence and power. We may need a second touch of God's grace.

In Acts 10, Peter -- the disciple Jesus called "the Rock" -- is led by God to the household of Cornelius, where he discovers that God's love is wide enough to include people who aren't Jews. Pay attention to the way God works in this story. At the same time that God is preparing Cornelius to encounter the saving grace of Jesus Christ, God is preparing Peter to be an instrument of salvation as a witness to Jesus Christ.

There are two conversions in this story: both Cornelius and Peter are led to a new understanding about God.

Is it possible that as you are praying for the five (5) you identified yesterday, God is preparing you to be a witness to them? Is it possible that as God is preparing their hearts to hear the Good News of God's love, God is preparing your heart to share it?

Conversion is God's doing, not ours. Just as God prepared Cornelius for Peter's visit, and God changed Peter's view of the world, God is preparing you and your friends for a holy, life-changing encounter -- for them; and for you.

Keep praying for the five (5) people you named yesterday. Pray that God prepare their hearts -- and yours -- for the transforming power of grace.