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Peter Reports to Jerusalem

Acts 11:11-18

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Peter's Account of His Trip

Acts 11:11-13 (NASB)
 "And behold, at that moment three men appeared at the house in which we were staying, having been sent to me from Caesarea. The Spirit told me to go with them without misgivings. These six brethren also went with me and we entered the man's house. And he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, 'Send to Joppa and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here;'"

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Peter Testifies and the Spirit Falls

Acts 11:14-15 (NASB)
 and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as He did upon us at the beginning.

- From Acts 10:34-43 we know that Peter preached Christ
- The Holy Spirit worked through the words of the Gospel to save Gentiles

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Holy Spirit Baptism

Acts 11:16 (NASB)

“And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’”

- This is from Luke 3:16, Acts 1:5
- Joel 2:28, 29 promises the outpouring of the Spirit
- See 1Corinthians 12:13. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is normative and not a “second” blessing.

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Hindering God Was No Option!

Acts 11:17 (LEB)

“Therefore if God gave them the same gift as also to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to be able to hinder God?”

- Clearly these Gentiles had the same saving faith
- On “hindering” in reference to God’s purpose in Luke/Acts: Luke 9:49; 11:52; 18:16; Acts 8:36; 10:47

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God Is Sovereign in Conversion

Acts 11:18 (NASB)

When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.”

- “Granted” is *dido_mi* in aorist active indicative
- Yet we learn in Acts 15 that the issue is not fully resolved
- We are always to give glory to God when He saves!

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Interpreting Narrative
Things to Look For

- Repeated themes or questions
- Repeated terms (especially if they seem out of place)
- OT allusions
- Statements by the Biblical author that reveal motives
- Narrative tension: when and how is it fully resolved?
- Answer this: What is the Main Point?

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