



Respond without Hesitation: Next Level Urgency
Luke 10:1-23

Intro: All so much alike, yet all some much different!

10 At Caesarea there was a man named **Cornelius**, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. ² He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.

“proselytes of the gate”

Vs

“proselytes of righteousness”

³ One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, “Cornelius!”

⁴ Cornelius stared at him in fear. “What is it, Lord?” he asked.

The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. ⁵ Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. ⁶ He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.”

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⁷ When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. ⁸ He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa.

Because Cornelius viewed his relationship with God as both _____ and _____, he did not hesitate to follow God’s directives.

Peter’s Vision

⁹ About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray.

Not only is Jesus _____ to everything. He knows how to connect _____ to _____ for the sake of advancing the Gospel.

¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹ He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. ¹² It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. ¹³ Then a voice told him, “Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.”

¹⁴ “Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.”

¹⁵ The voice spoke to him a second time, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”

¹⁶ This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

¹⁷ While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon’s house was and stopped at the gate. ¹⁸ They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

¹⁹ While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Simon, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.”

Like Peter, many times we as believers need to be _____ not to _____ for the sake of the Gospel.

²¹ Peter went down and said to the men, “I’m the one you’re looking for. Why have you come?”

²² The men replied, “We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to ask you to come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say.” ²³ Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests.

Next Steps.

1. Recall times when you’ve been hesitant and have not shared your faith in Christ with others different than yourself when given the chance. Identify your reason and repent of that reason if need be.
2. Ask God to be connected to more people for the sake of the Gospel and ask God to make you ready to be connected.
3. Spend more time listening to God as you study and read the Word of God. Pray for a quicker response time in responding to what God is telling you.
4. Prioritize your relationships and make sure the right ones are in the category of important and urgent.