

This Week's Devotional (Mon–Fri)

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Sermon Title	The Portrait of a Godly Woman
Speaker	Pastor Ben Stuart
Primary Passage	Acts 9

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1

Awake

Pastor Reminder: Tabitha's life reminds us that the people of Jesus are first loved by Him, then changed by His grace. Before she is remembered for what she did, she is seen as one who belonged to Christ.

Acts 9:36, Tabitha was known for a life shaped by mercy and good works.



Am I living from Christ's love, or trying to earn what only He can give?



Lord Jesus, awaken my heart to Your love again. Teach me to rest in Your grace before I try to serve You.



Try this today: Spend five quiet minutes in Scripture and prayer before checking messages.

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Source

Pastor Reminder: The compassion we see in Tabitha did not begin with Tabitha; it flowed from Jesus. The Lord who healed and restored others was shaping her heart to reflect His own kindness.

John 3:16, God's love gives life through His Son.

🧠 Where have I been drawing strength from noise instead of from the love of Christ?

🙏 Father, let Your love be the deepest source of my thoughts and desires. Keep my heart near Jesus, where mercy is born.

✅ Try this today: Read a short portion of Scripture before anything else in your day.

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3

Grace

Pastor Reminder: Tabitha's good works were the fruit of grace, not the price of salvation. Loved people learn to love, and those touched by Christ begin to labor for the good of others.

Matthew 5:44, Jesus calls His people to a higher love.

🧠 Who is one person I can quietly care for as a witness to Christ's kindness?

🙏 Lord, form in me the mercy of Jesus. Make my hands willing to serve, and my heart glad to do it.

✅ Try this today: Choose one person in need and offer a simple act of care in Jesus' name.

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4

Hope

Pastor Reminder: Even when death comes, hope does not end for those who belong to Christ. Peter prayed, and the Lord showed that Jesus alone gives life and holds the final word.

Acts 9:40, Peter prayed, and God answered in a way that pointed to Jesus.

🤔 Do I trust Christ with the losses and sorrows that I cannot fix?

🙏 Lord Jesus, steady my heart when I am afraid or grieving. Help me remember that You are strong enough for every sorrow and every need.

✅ Try this today: Bring one heavy concern to God in prayer before you speak about it to anyone else.

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5

Praise

Pastor Reminder: Tabitha's story ends with Christ being honored, because faith and good works together glorify the Savior. The church saw a life that pointed beyond itself to Jesus, the One who gives life and mercy.

Acts 9:35, many came to the Lord through what they saw.

🤔 How can my life this week point more clearly to Jesus than to myself?

🙏 Lord, receive all the praise from my life. Make my faith sincere and my love visible, so others may see Your goodness.

✅ Try this today: Serve one vulnerable person in a concrete way, and do it openly in Jesus' name.

May the Lord fill your heart with fresh mercy and steady hope this week.