

Faith That Brings Life

1. Introduction – Why Talk About Pain and Healing?

Have you ever asked yourself: *“If God really loves us, why does He allow sickness, pain, and suffering?”* Question. Many people — maybe even some of you here today — struggle with it.

CS Lewis: “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain. Pain is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”

2. Scripture Reading – Acts 9:36–43

3. Message – Four Truths for Us Today

1. A Life That Speaks (v.36–37)

Dorcas was *“always doing good and helping the poor.”* She lived a life that testified to Jesus. Even in death, her legacy stirred faith in others.

Here’s the truth: Your life matters. The way you live today sets the stage for what God can do tomorrow.

Mainliner 1 (say it together):

“When we pray for nobody, nobody gets healed.”

2. Faith That Refuses to Give Up (v.38–39)

The believers didn’t settle. They dared to believe that God could still do something.

Here’s the truth: Faith doesn’t deny pain, but it refuses to stop hoping in God.

Mainliner 2 (say it together):

“When we pray for everyone, some will get healed!”

3. Prayer Before Power (v.40)

When Peter arrived, he didn’t put on a show. He didn’t pretend to have magic power. What did he do? He knelt down and prayed.

Here’s the truth: Real power flows from dependence on God.

Mainliner 3 (say it boldly):

“Let us be people who pray as the Holy Spirit leads us, with boldness, as one church body.”

4. A Miracle That Multiplies (v.42)

Dorcas was raised from the dead, and the whole city of Joppa heard the news. Many people believed in the Lord.

Here's the truth: Miracles are not just about the healing itself. They are about pointing people to Jesus.

5. Conclusion

Say these with me one last time:

1. **"When we pray for nobody, nobody gets healed."**
2. **"When we pray for everyone, some will get healed!"**
3. **"Let us be people who pray as the Holy Spirit leads us, with boldness, as one church body."**

6. Ministry Moment

- *"Today some of you may be in pain — and as a church, we are going to do exactly what Acts 9 shows us. We will pray for everyone, believing God is able to heal."*