



PART ONE

FORGING ON WHEN **FAITH FLUCTUATES**

- Anchor our faith in God
- Set our focus on God's purpose





PART TWO

FAILURE IS
NOT FINAL!

- Recognize you have failed
- Receive God's restoration





THREE-PART SERMON SERIES

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ROCK



PART THREE

UNBREAKABLE



A dramatic landscape photograph featuring a person in silhouette jumping off a rocky cliff. The scene is set against a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise sky, with rugged mountains in the background. The foreground shows the textured surface of the cliff rock.

COURAGE **TO ACT**

ACTS 4:7-20

ACTS 5:17-32



ACTS 4:7-13

When they saw the courage of Peter and John

ACTS 4:20

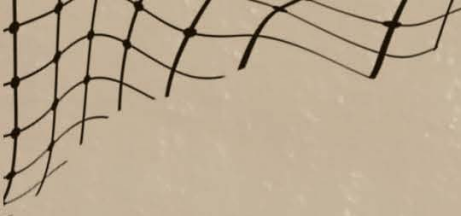
As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we
have seen and heard



ACTS 5:17-29

- At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people v21
- We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name v28
- *We must obey God* rather than human beings! v29

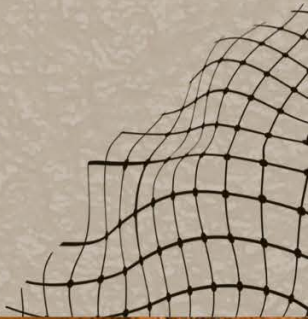




• ***Our obedience under pressure is
seen in our courage to act***



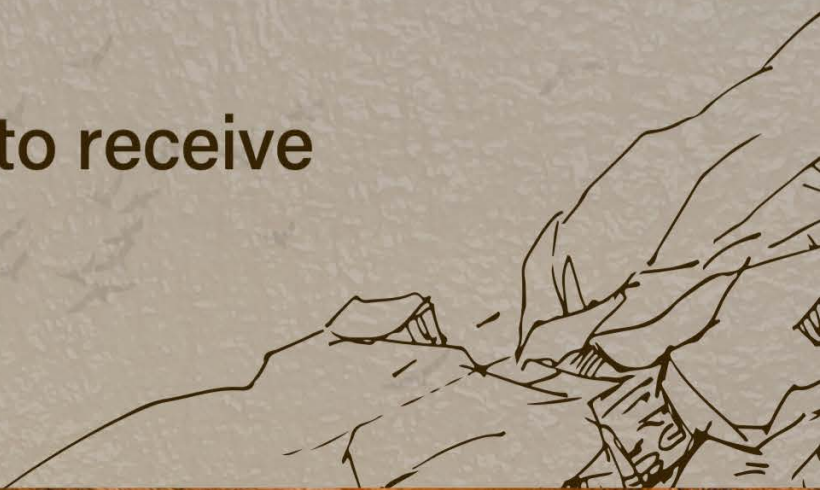
• ***The Holy Spirit empowers us to be
courageous and not cower under pressure***



***CONVICTION IN
WHAT WE
STAND FOR***
ACTS 10-11



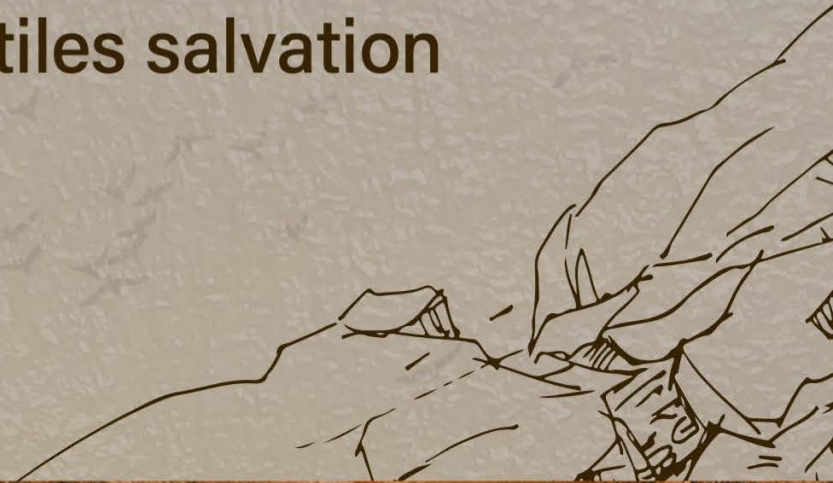
ACTS 10

- Peter received a vision where God told him to eat animals that were impure v11-15
 - Peter went to Cornelius' house and shared with him his revelation v24-29
 - Peter realized that God desires for Gentiles to receive the gospel v34-43
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ACTS 11

- Believers criticized Peter for fellowshipping with Gentiles v2-3
- Peter shared with conviction what happened v4-15
- The believers praised God for granting Gentiles salvation v18





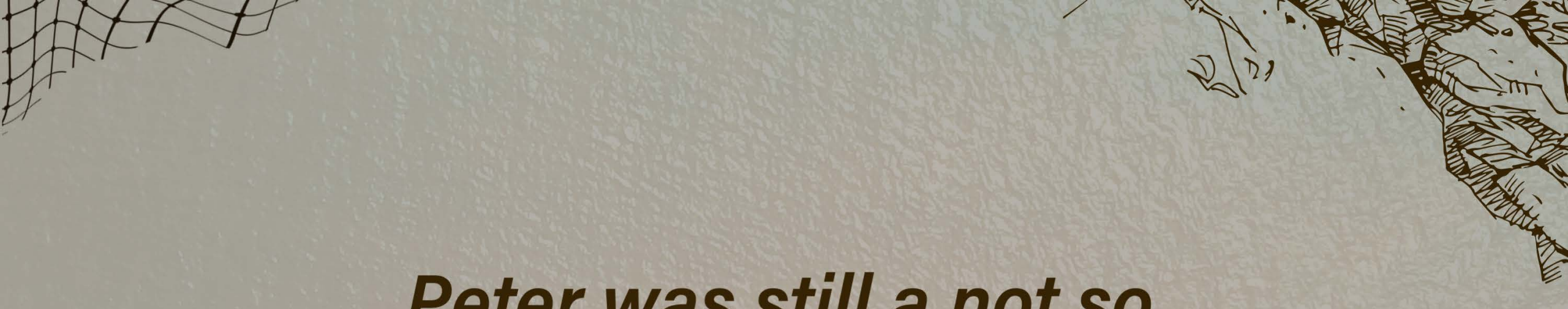
***Our obedience is seen in our
conviction to stand for what is right
and speak the truth***





ADVANCEMENT OF GOD'S KINGDOM

- 3000 people were saved through Peter's preaching
ACTS 2:14-41
 - Healing of the lame beggar and preaching to the crowd
resulting in 2000 people saved ACTS 3 TO ACTS 4:4
 - Healing of Aeneas ACTS 9:32-35
 - Holy Spirit came upon the Gentiles and they were water
baptized ACTS 10:44-48
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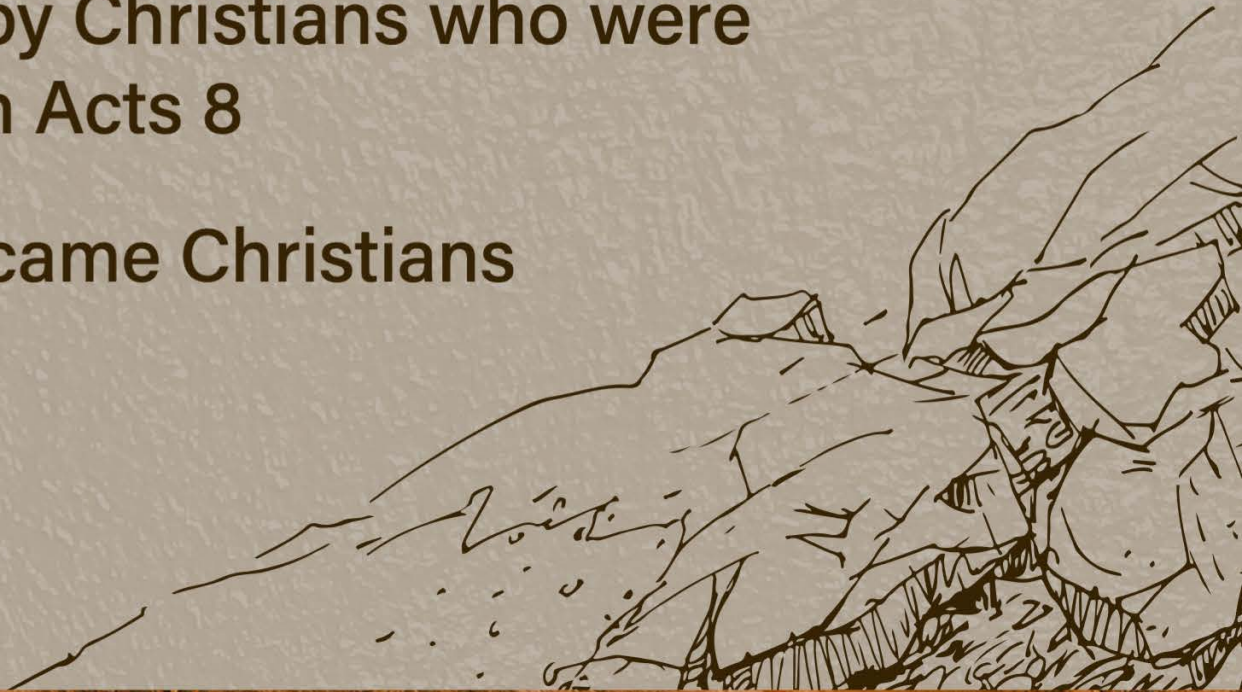
***Peter was still a not so
perfect rock with a not so
perfect obedience***





CONTEXT OF GALATIANS 2:11-14

- Antioch was first evangelized by Christians who were scattered due to persecution in Acts 8
- A great number of Gentiles became Christians
ACTS 11:19-21





GALATIANS 2:11-14

- Peter shunned the Gentiles when Jewish believers came
- Peter stumbled people including Barnabas
- Peter was scolded by Paul





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