

# THE STORY OF PETER And THE STORY OF RUTH

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## CHAPTER TWELVE

### PETER HEALS AND PREACHES

THE disciples continued their ministry throughout the land. Peter visited the city of Lydda to tell the good news of salvation. In the city was a man by the name of Aeneas who had been paralyzed eight years. Peter went to call upon him and in the power of the Holy Spirit said, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ makes you whole; get up and make your bed." He arose at once. This was the beginning of a great revival and many in that city and in the neighboring city of Sharon turned to the Lord.

In the city of Joppa on the seacoast, not many miles from Lydda, lived a very good woman by the name of Dorcas who became ill and died.

Her friends prepared the body for burial, and laid it in an upper room as was the custom of that day.

When they heard of the wonderful work of Peter at Lydda they sent men to ask him to hurry to Joppa. Perhaps they wanted him to preach the funeral sermon.

When he arrived he found the home full of crying women, mourning for the dear friend, Dorcas, who had been so good to them. They showed Peter many garments and coats that she had made for the poor.

Peter listened to them and was very interested in the things which Dorcas had made, but in his heart he felt a great power working.

Presently he asked them all to leave the room where the body of the woman lay. When he was alone he knelt down and prayed. Then turning to the body he said, "**Talitha, arise!**"

She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up and he gave her his hand and helped her to her feet. Then he opened the door and called all of her friends to come in and see Dorcas, now alive and well.

What a happy time for all of them! Not only so, but it was the beginning of another great revival for there were many who believed and were saved.

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