



Series on the Acts of the Apostles #21
What is God Doing Today?

Acts 9:31-43
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Introduction: *In this passage, we observe the healing of a paralyzed man and the raising from the dead of a beloved woman.*

However, this chapter is not simply about miracles. It goes far beyond that. It helps us to see what the plan and program of God is for then and for today.

- I. The program of God for the church (9:31)
 - A. To edify the believers (those on the inside)
 1. It means “to build up, to encourage.” (Heb. 10:24-25)

 2. It means “to disciple.” (A disciple is a learner.)

 - B. To redeem the unbelievers (9:31, 35, 42)

- II. The practice of God's purpose
 - A. The healing of Aenaes (9:33-35)
 1. The type

 2. The healing

 3. The power

 - B. The raising of Dorcas
 1. The woman (9:36-37)

 2. The widows (9:39)

 3. The wonder (9:40-41)

- III. The products of God's purposes (9:35, 42, 43)
 - A. The edification of the saints

 - B. The salvation of unbelievers

Conclusion: *Today people are looking for real Christians – authentic ones. People will see the power of God in these people's lives.*