

# THE Story

## Lesson 23 Chapter 28 New Beginnings(Pt 3) p.401-405

1. What was your most unforgettable dream?

2. On the bottom of page 401 we are introduced to a man named Cornelius. Write a brief character sketch of this Gentile....

How did his lifestyle affect God's attitude toward him and His response to him?  
(Check out Jeremiah 29:12-13)

3. What instructions did the Lord have for Cornelius?

What insight do we gain of his relationship to his servants?

4. How does God sovereignly prepare Peter for the arrival of Cornelius' servants on the top of page 402?

How does the Holy Spirit link the vision he experienced and the visitors who suddenly arrived at his home?

5. How anxious does Cornelius appear to meet Peter?

What is significant about the way Peter responded to Cornelius?

6. What new truths did God teach to both Peter and Cornelius?

To think about: Are you open to learning new truths and are you willing to obey God when He teaches you something new?

7. On the middle of page 403, we read of James' martyrdom and Peter's imprisonment. What do we learn about God's sovereignty by allowing James to die but rescuing Peter from prison?

How did the church respond to this crisis?

What are the implications and applications for us?

8. What happened when Peter arrived at John Mark's home? (p.404)

Were those gathered for prayer really expecting such an answer to their prayers?

To think about...what are some of your prayers that you would be surprised if God answered? Should we be praying more in a spirit of expectancy?

9. Sum up King Herod's character as described on pages 403-405.

How and why was his life abruptly ended?

What are the implications and applications for us?

10. God sent an angel to deliver a message to Cornelius and to deliver Peter from prison. On the middle of page 404 those who were gathered for prayer thought it was Peter's angel knocking at the door. On the top of page 405, God used an angel to punish Herod. What do we learn about angels from these stories?

11. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....sins to avoid & examples to follow

about our God... His promises to claim & His character to embrace