

Seeking & Finding

FRESH ENCOUNTERS W/ 3RD PERSON

Obstacle #1

The _____ Of _____

Acts 11:1 Soon the news reached the apostles and other believers in Judea that the Gentiles had received the word of God. **2** But when Peter arrived back in Jerusalem, the Jewish believers criticized him. **3** "You entered the home of Gentiles and even ate with them!" they said. (NLT)

Outside forces will try to: _____, _____,
_____, and _____

Obstacle #2

A _____ Up _____

Acts 11:4 Then Peter told them exactly what had happened. **5** "I was in the town of Joppa," he said, "and while I was praying, I went into a trance and saw a vision. Something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners from the sky. And it came right down to me. **6** When I looked inside the sheet, I saw all sorts of tame and wild animals, reptiles, and birds. **7** And I heard a voice

say, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat them.' **8** "No, Lord," I replied. 'I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure or unclean.' **9** "But the voice from heaven spoke again: 'Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean.' **10** This happened three times before the sheet and all it contained was pulled back up to heaven. (NLT)

A _____ heart will lead to an _____ mind.

Obstacle #3

The _____ Of _____

Acts 11:11 "Just then three men who had been sent from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. **12** The Holy Spirit told me to go with them and not to worry that they were Gentiles. These six brothers here accompanied me, and we soon entered the home of the man who had sent for us. (NLT)

Holding on to past _____ means your hands are closed to future _____.

Obstacle #4

A _____

Acts 11:13 He told us how an angel had appeared to him in his home and had told him, 'Send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. **14** He will tell you how you and everyone in your household can be saved!' (NLT)

Putting others _____ keeps you from being _____ up.

Galatians 2:11 But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong. **12** When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile believers, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision. (NLT)

James 4:10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor. (NLT)

Matthew 23:12 But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. (NLT)

Obstacle #5

An _____ Of _____

Acts 11:15 "As I began to speak," Peter continued, "the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as he fell on us at the beginning. **16** Then I thought of the Lord's words when he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' **17** And since God gave these Gentiles the same gift he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to stand in God's way?" (NLT)

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. (NLT)

Romans 5:5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. **6** When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. **7** Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. **8** But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (NLT)

God _____ the potential for good in _____ person.

Obstacle #6

A _____ To _____

Acts 11:18 When the others heard this, they stopped objecting and began praising God. They said, "We can see that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of repenting of their sins and receiving eternal life." (NLT)

Who holds the _____ of your life?

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