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Cornelius had a vision of angel of God. The angel told him to send men to bring back Peter. After the angel departed Cornelius immediately called two of his servants and a soldier and sent them to Joppa to get Peter.

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Describe Peter's vision. What message was God trying to teach Peter through the vision?

As Peter sits on the roof, he has a vision of a sheet being unfolded, filled with all kinds of animals the Jews knew to be unclean. God Himself is calling for Peter to kill and eat. Peter replies that he will not do it because the animals are unclean. Three times this happened, and three times God tells Peter not to call unclean what God has called clean.

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How does Peter submit to what God has taught him?

The call of God to Peter is a radical departure for Peter. Peter has a choice to make. He can submit to God or not. In submitting to God, Peter now has a chance to lift up Jesus to the house of Cornelius.

In his message to Cornelius, Peter talks about:

- The life of Jesus: Jesus's life is a call to submission. Submission to God's power in our lives. Submission to living out His nature and character.
- The death of Jesus: The death of Jesus is a call to submission. We are called to die to ourselves. We no longer live as we were but live in submission to the will of God.
- The resurrection of Jesus: The resurrection is a call to submission. We called to live as a new creation. To be clothed with Christ and live in the likeness of Jesus.

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How does the church in Jerusalem struggle with submission?

The church struggled with the truth that gentiles also had received the Word of God and that God has also granted to the Gentiles “repentance that leads to life.”

In what way do we struggle with submission? *Personal reflection...*

How does the church in Jerusalem learn how to submit?

The church learned to submit by listening to the voice of God and making the choice to follow God.

How do we learn to submit to the will of God? *Personal reflection...*