



The Harness Devotional

21 September – 26 September, 2026

Dorcas (Tabtha): Known for Charity

Verses: Acts 9:36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called the believers and the widows and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon. (NIV)

Song of the week: ["Hands and Feet" by Audio Adrenaline.](#)

"Hands and Feet" by Audio Adrenaline is an energizing call to action, urging believers to demonstrate Christ's love by actively serving and helping people in need worldwide.

Monday Day 1: A Legacy of Kindness

Scripture: "Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha... She was full of good works and acts of charity." — Acts 9:36

The Message: The Bible gives Tabitha a special title: *disciple*. She

did not preach to huge crowds or travel the world. Instead, she was a disciple because she loved people through her actions. She looked around her neighborhood and saw poor widows in need of help. Then, she used her hands to serve them. True faith is not just about what we

say we believe. It is about the love we show to others every single day.

Reflection Question: What practical needs do you see in your own community or neighborhood right now?

Prayer: Lord, open my eyes to see the people around me who need love. Make me full of good works.

Tuesday Day 2: Using What Is in Your Hand

Scripture: "All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them." — Acts 9:39

The Message: Dorcas knew how to sew. It was a simple, everyday skill. She did not wait for a giant platform or a lot of money to start serving God. She just used what was already in her hand—a needle and some thread. We often think we cannot serve God because we do not have a big talent. But God wants to use your ordinary skills, your hobbies, and your daily routines to bless someone else.

Reflection Question: What simple skill or talent do you have that you can use to serve others?

Prayer: Jesus, take the small skills I have and multiply them to bring comfort to someone today.

Wednesday Day 3: Serving the Forgotten

Scripture: "All the widows stood beside him weeping..." — Acts 9:39

The Message: In the ancient world, widows were among the loneliest and most forgotten people. They had no social safety net or income. Dorcas chose to focus her entire ministry on these hurting women. She did not just give them clothes; she gave them her time and friendship. God has a special place in His heart for the lonely and forgotten. When we serve them, we are doing the direct work of Jesus.

Reflection Question: Who is the loneliest or isolated person you know, and how can you reach out to them?

Prayer: Father, give me your heart for the lonely. Help me bring warmth and companionship to those who feel invisible.

Thursday Day 4: The Impact of an Empty Chair

Scripture: "In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room." — Acts 9:37

The Message: When Dorcas died, the whole community broke down in tears. Her absence left a massive hole in their lives. They missed her terribly because she had loved them

so deeply. This makes us think about our own lives. What kind of legacy are we leaving behind? When you leave a room, a church, or a job, do people miss the love and kindness you brought with you?

Reflection Question: What kind of legacy of love do you want to build in your family and community?

Prayer: Lord, help me live a life that matters. Let my days be marked by love that outlives me.

Friday Day 5: Miracles in the Upper Room

Scripture: "But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, 'Tabitha, arise.' And she opened her eyes..." — Acts 9:40

The Message: The believers did not give up hope. They called for the apostle Peter. Peter walked into that sad room, knelt down, and prayed. God performed a stunning miracle and brought Dorcas back to life! God saw the tears of the widows. He cared about the loss of this faithful servant. Your acts of kindness are never wasted or ignored by God. He notices every single thing you do for His kingdom.

Reflection Question: Do you ever feel like your quiet service goes unnoticed? How does Dorcas's story encourage you?

Prayer: Jesus, thank you that you see my quiet service. Give me the faith to believe in your miracle power.

Saturday Day 6: A Story That Sparks Faith

Scripture: "And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord." — Acts 9:42

The Message: The miracle of Dorcas coming back to life shook the entire city of Joppa. Because of her life, her death, and her resurrection, many people put their faith in Jesus! God took her simple sewing ministry and turned it into a massive wave of salvation. When you are faithful in the small things, God can use your story to change the lives of people you have never even met.

Reflection Question: How can you use your story of God's goodness to spark faith in someone else this week?

Prayer: Holy Spirit, let my life and my actions point people directly to Jesus. Use me to spread your love. Amen.