

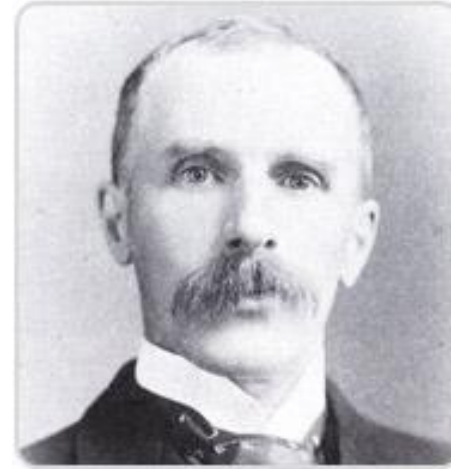
The Founder of BB

**Sir William
Alexander Smith**

27 Oct 1854 – 10 May 1914

**Born in Pennyland House,
Thurso, Scotland.**

**4 Oct 1883 Inception
of BB in Glasgow**



Object of the Boys' Brigade

*"The advancement of Christ's kingdom among members and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards a **true Christian character.**"*

**A Race Towards
Christian Maturity**



***Transforming
Power of the
Risen Christ***

Acts 9:32-43

The Spirit continues **Expansion of Gospel to Judea**

Spiritual Truth: The Risen Christ is Alive and Active TODAY!

The risen Christ continues His work TODAY through the Holy Spirit, discipling the church, healing and touching lives bringing hope with His transforming power.

The important question is not: “*What did Jesus do then?*”

But: *“What is the risen Christ continuing to do today through His Spirit and how does He want us to participate?”*



Acts 9:32–43

³² *As Peter travelled about the country, he went to visit the Lord's people who lived in **Lydda**.*

³³ ***There he found a man named Aeneas**, who was paralysed and had been bedridden for eight years.* ³⁴ *'Aeneas,' Peter said to him, 'Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat.' Immediately Aeneas got up.* ³⁵ *All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.*

³⁶ ***In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha** (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor.* ³⁷ *About that time she became ill and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room.*



³⁸ 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!’** ³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood round him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. ⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning towards the dead woman, he said, **‘Tabitha, get up.’** She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² **This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.** ⁴³ Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

Acts 9:32–43 *The Transforming Power of the Risen Christ*

- 1. Christ Still Sends — to Go and Make Disciple**
- 2. Christ Still Comes — to Heal and Restore**
- 3. Christ Still Touches — to Bring Life and Hope**



1. Christ Still Sends: To Go Make Disciple

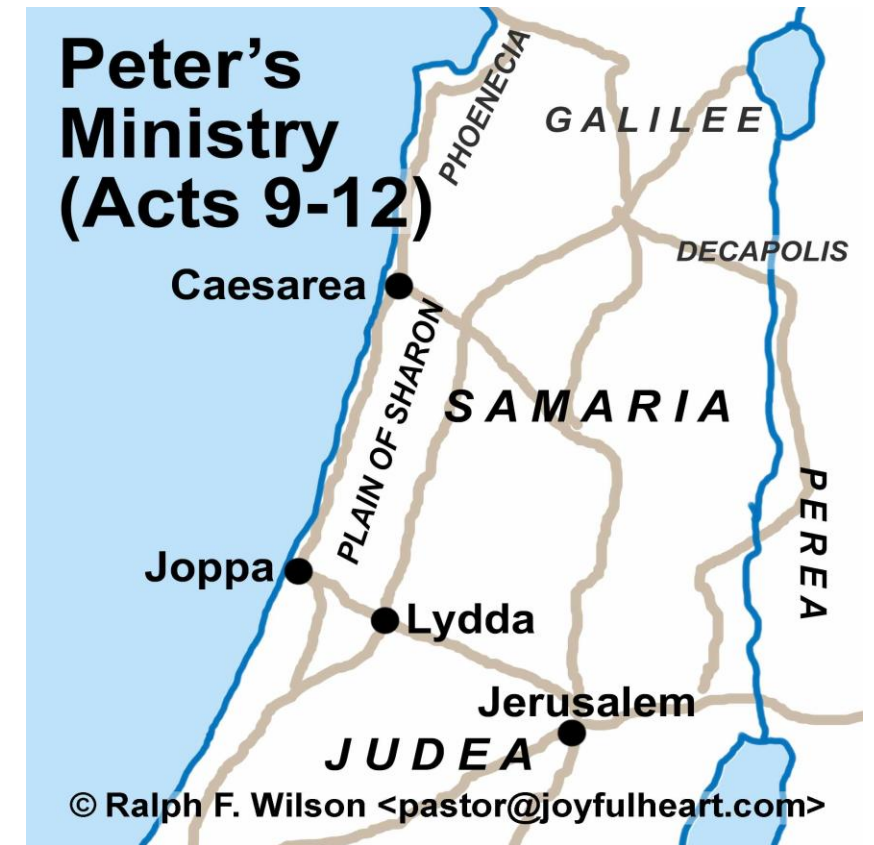
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**Peter cared and
disciplined the believers**

Importance of Discipleship

Key to live the good faithful life as witnesses of God

*A healthy church needs both outreach
to the lost and care and nurture for believers*



2. CHRIST STILL COMES TO HEAL AND RESTORE

Aeneas paralysed for eight years

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named Aeneas, who was
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bedridden for eight years.*

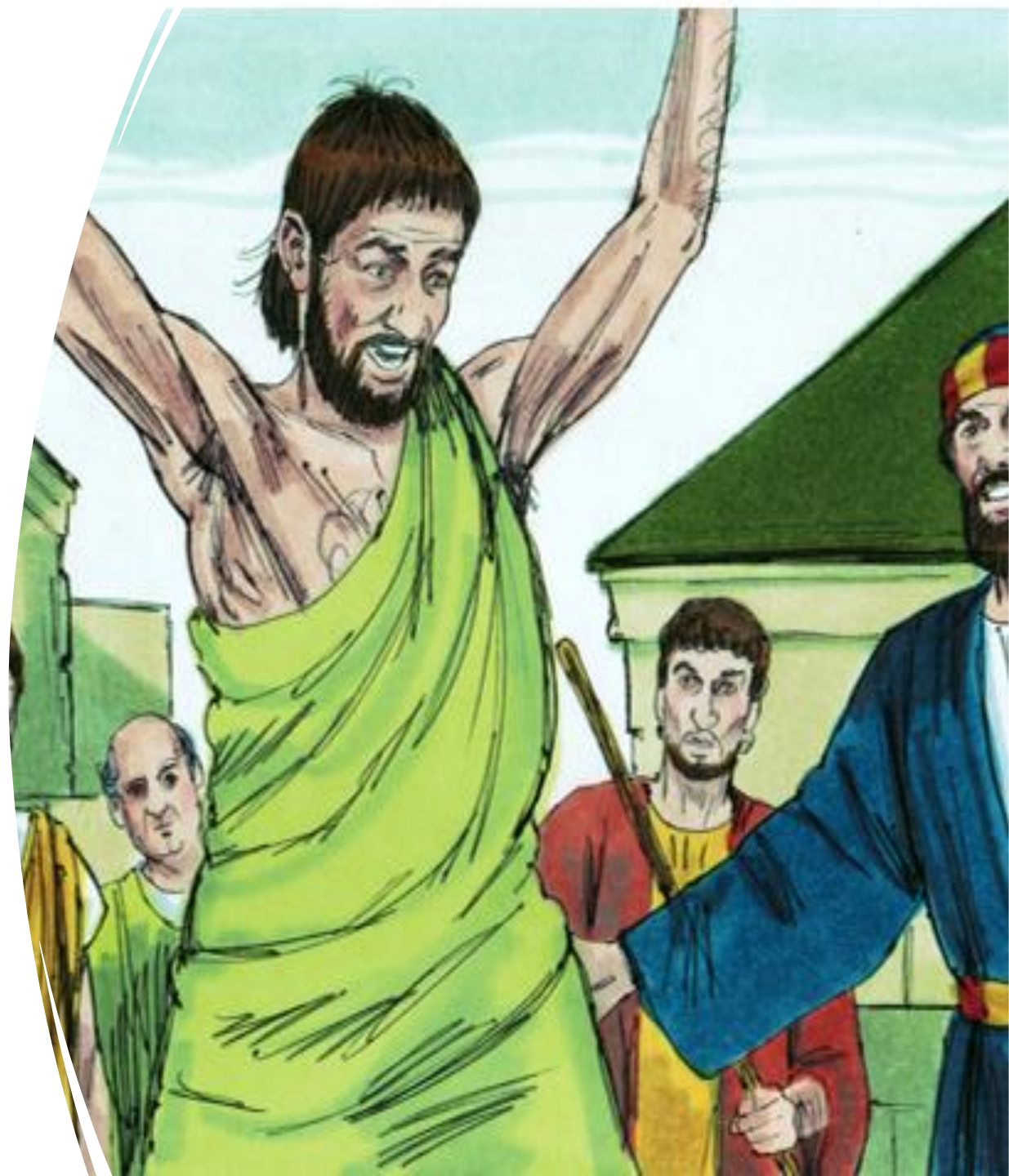
***Disappointment,
dependence, despair,
and desperation.***



Peter points him to Jesus

*'Aeneas,' Peter said to him,
'Jesus Christ heals you.
Get up and roll up your mat.'
Immediately Aeneas got up.*

***The Risen Christ
is still at work!***



The Miracle became a Witness for Christ



*“All those who lived in
Lydda and Sharon saw him
and turned to the Lord.”*

**The miracle is never
the destination
Not only Blessing
Meeting Jesus is the Goal!**



3. CHRIST STILL TOUCHES TO BRING LIFE AND HOPE

Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, 'Please come at once!'

We meet Tabitha in Joppa

*"always doing good
and helping the poor."*

A Seamstress

*A woman whose faith
was expressed through love*



A Glimpse of the Loving Fellowship of the Early Church

All the widows stood round him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing...

***Saying, "Look at
what she meant to us."***

Not simply the loss of a church member but someone dear who had touched many lives



Peter kneels before the Lord and prays

“Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed.”

Then he says:

“Tabitha, get up.”

The Emphasis is on Christ

The risen Christ is continuing His work!



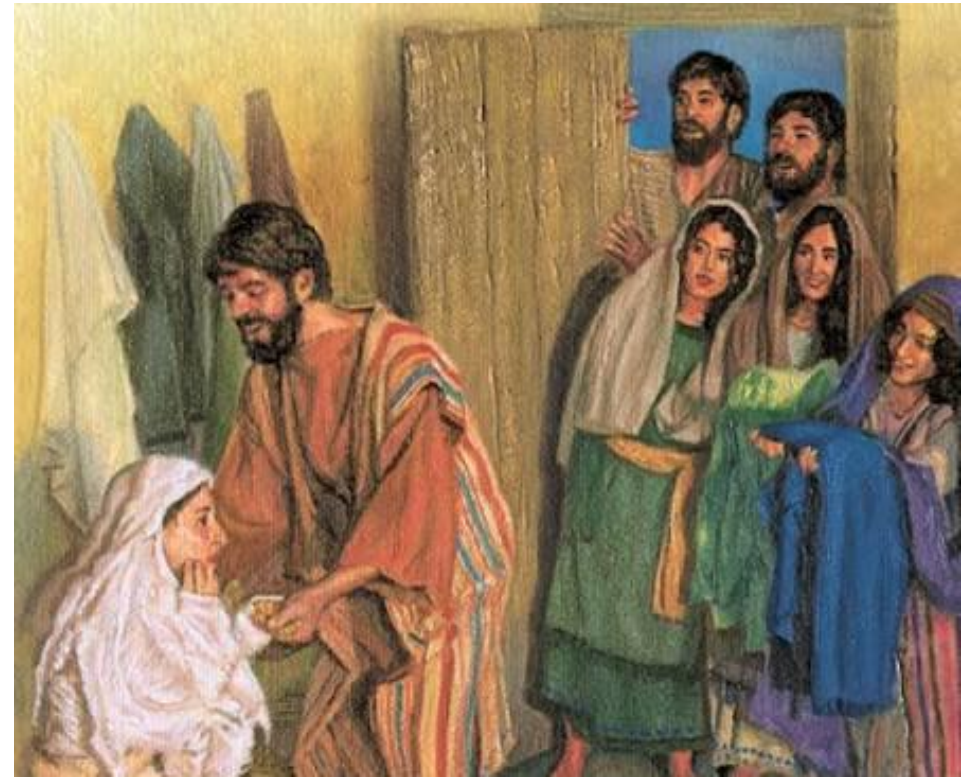
The Miracle **Created a Witness**

*“This became known
all over Joppa, and many
people believed in the Lord.”*



The Service of Tabitha became a Testimony

*People heard. People saw.
People believed in God.
The gospel moved forward.*



The Risen Christ **is Still Working TODAY!**

- The Jesus who sent Peter is still sending His church *to go and make disciples.*
- The Jesus who healed and transformed Aeneas is still *healing and transforming lives.*
- The Jesus who raised Tabitha is still touching people bringing *life & hope into places of despair.*



The Question is: **Will You Join Him?**

GO where the Spirit leads

Go share the gospel and make disciples.

Walk alongside each other.

Live, play, work, and grow together.

REACH and SERVE

Make Christ's love visible

*The lonely, forgotten, sick, suffering,
wounded by life, who never heard
the gospel, with His love and power.*



Christ the One who comes, heals, touches

*His Spirit goes before us,
empowers us, and uses us.*

Christ brings life and hope into dead places

Something in your life is dead
*Your hope is dead. Your marriage,
your joy, your dream, prayer life,
relationship with God feels distant.
Church ministry feels dead.*



The Risen Christ is Still Working TODAY!

*We must recover a faith that
expects God to act*

**Pray for God to
act by the power
of His Spirit**

*Pray for salvation,
healing, deliverance,
restoration, miracles.*



***He is the
Waymaker,
Miracle
Worker,
Promise
Keeper,
Light in the
Darkness***

***So, Church:
Receive
His Spirit.
Expect
His Presence.
Trust
His Power.
And GO!***





HLCE - The Risen Christ is Still Sending His church Today

- Someone needs to hear the gospel. **Go and Make Disciples**
- Someone needs healing. **Pray**
- Someone needs hope. **Reach out**

HLCE Theme 2026 - Church on the Move

The Spirit Empowered Mission and Service



GO Reach Out with His Love and Power