**Series: Acts: Spirit. Mission. Drama.**

**Title: First and Second Conversions**

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**Four Scenes**

**Scene 1**

***Acts 10***

*At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. 2He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. 3One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, “Cornelius!”*

*4Cornelius stared at him in fear. “What is it, Lord?” he asked.*

*The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. 5Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. 6He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.”*

**Scene 2**

*9About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. 10He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance.*

*11He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. 12It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. 13Then a voice told him, “Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.”*

*14“Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.”*

**Scene 3**

*34Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.*

*42He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”*

**Scene 4**

*47“Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” 48So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.*

**Five Lessons**

1. God does not show favoritism.
2. No one is too good for the gospel.
3. No one comes to Christ by observing alone.
4. To whom can you be a Peter and speak God’s welcoming love?
5. Be attentive to life changing moments from God.