



**DGM Message Title: Not So, Lord**  
**Theme: Change Doesn't Mean Compromise**  
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**Message Summary:** God may at times ask us to do things that we may not agree with but trust Him. Our traditions will make us not want to follow, but remember while some traditions are important, God will never lead you to do something contrary to His Word. He may only be asking you to change your methods and to set you up for something greater than you can even imagine.

**Scripture References:**

- Acts 10:2-4
- John 16:13
- Mark 7:18-19

**Key Points:**

- The Bible gives specific facts about dates, times and places.
- The Bible classifies a Devout Man typically is defined by 3 areas. (Acts 10:2)
  - Family
  - Giving
  - Prayer Life
- Cornelius had not yet entered into the New Covenant with God
- The appearance of the angel of the Lord scared Cornelius (Acts 10:4)
- Cornelius Prayer and Giving are seen by heaven as a single unit
  - Even though he was not a Christian yet. (Acts 10:4)
- The pattern of Scripture is not to have angels save men; the pattern is to have men save men.
- *(John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.)*
  - Whatever you hear from the Spirit will align with the scripture.
  - When God speaks it often times will be something only He would know
  - It is not enough to hear from God, You must follow AND obey
  - Again, the Scripture is specific with details
- The greatest resistance to God's plan to reach the world was not the world but the church (Peter)
- During this time, Peter's religion was not allowed to preach to the gentiles yet.

- When something is of God, typically, He will increase the desire for it.
- Learn to trust your hunger if you are walking with God
- Jesus gave us an appetite for the Will, the desire and the purpose of God in our life
- The blanket symbolizes the Gospel will go into the 4 corners of the earth to reach the whole world.
- The entire church up to this point was Jewish
- All types of animals were being lowered in the picnic blanket.
- When God said to eat, Peter said No
- Peter refused to eat based on tradition, experience and his past
- God, if you will remain with me and keep me safe – THE VOW
- Mark 7:18 And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him?
- Mark 7:19 since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus, he declared all foods clean.)
  - God says what you put into yourself, will come out of you
  - Traditions can be good and safe unless we lift them above the Word
- Peter’s reluctance was not based on his conviction but on fear of change
  - You can’t grow and stay the same
  - You must change your methods without compromising the Word of God
  - God will confirm his Word
  - If you don’t know the Book, you can’t stand on the Book
- God was patient with Peter
- When God speaks there is an echo effect, you will hear it more than once
- Be quick to obey once it’s confirmed.
- What God had for Peter was already at the gate (What he has for you is at the gate)
- God had to change Peter’s thinking for him to receive what was at the gate
- The only way God can take us to the highway and the byways is for us to let him change us from the inside out.