

Fresh Wind

Acts 10:1-11:18

Is there anything <u>hindering</u> the fresh wind of God's Spirit in <u>your life</u>?

1. Internal Roadblocks:

Tradition: Keeps me from <u>seeing</u>.

Pride: Keeps me from <u>doing</u>.

Prejudice: Keeps me from going.

2. External Roadblocks:

What will my people think?

What <u>surprises</u> will I find when I open my life to the Spirit's Fresh Wind?

- 1. "Accepted Practices" may be holding me back.
- 2. God is working in them too!

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REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

- 1. Do you feel that your life is stagnant or in "motion" with the Spirit? Give some examples.
- 2. Peter faced a number of obstacles in going to the Gentiles. List as many as you can. What are some potential obstacles you are facing in being on mission with God?
- 3. Are there any people or groups that you would have a hard time relating to if God called you to reach them? How can you overcome your prejudice toward these people?
- 4. The spirit generally moves us out of our comfort zone to grow us and to reach others. Where do you feel the "fresh wind" of God's Spirit in your life?

Memory Verse

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism "but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. Acts 10:34-35