

# REAL LIFE ISSUES

## IDENTITY

>> Sometimes we think our identity depends 100% on what we do. When we do something for God, we feel like we “earn” our identity in Christ. But God has already freely given us such wonderful identities.

In the early church, believers struggled with this idea. Even Peter, Christ’s closest disciple, was caught up in his old self. God sent a Gentile and a dream to help clarify Peter’s identity.

>> Describe Cornelius and what God asked of him **(Acts 10:1-8)**:

>> Read verses **11-16** and describe the scene:

>> How and why did the Holy Spirit get involved **(10:19-20)**?

>> Peter accepts the invitation and goes to meet Cornelius **(10:21-27)**.  
What breakthrough came to Peter **(10:28, 34-35)**?

>> How can you follow Peter’s example?



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Lesson 8: My Identity