**Minster Garry Parker July 30, 2017**

**Walking in the FEAR of the Lord**

ACTS 9:32-42

**Key Truth:** Every believer has a story that aides in the building of God’s Kingdom.

1. Take time to be alone with God.

 A. Always stay prepared to respond to the moving of

 the Holy Spirit.

 B. Stay ready to evangelize, encourage, and edify

 fellow believers.

2. Your condition is only temporary (Good or bad).

 A. Aeneas Bedridden and paralyzed

 B. Watching everyone move around freely

 C. Paralyzed…unable to move

3. God calls your name to get your attention.

 A. Peter called out the name

 B. Be certain of God’s will for you.

 C. Glorify God by walking under HIS power.

4. There is a blessing in being obedient.

 A. Aeneas immediately responded to the healing

 Holy Spirit manifested healing.

5. Signs of HOPE:

 A. Do not criticize God for what happens (Romans 8:28)

 B. Humbly ask for God’s help.

 C. Heart matches the humility of our actions.

**Taking It Beyond the Walls**: Our service to the Lord should always lift HIM up. Be sure to minister to this dying world and glorify God with your story.

**Food For Thought**

For the Week of July 30, 2017

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

With Saul out of the picture as chief persecutor, the churches “throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria” are able to enjoy relief from their hardships (9:31). Luke says they were “encouraged by the Holy Spirit.”

The early church was a dynamic fellowship. It was rooted in faith in Christ, and relationships between Christians were marked by *homothumadon*, that vital principle of “one accord.”

But we would be mistaken to idealize the early church. It was a fellowship made up of mere human beings. There were tensions within the church, and pressures from those outside who opposed the Gospel message. All these forces sought to disrupt the oneness of the local body of believers, and to halt its growth.

Peter stands as a reminder to us to rely on the stabilizing and strengthening power of the Holy Spirit. God can take our strengths and our natural gifts and use them, and He alone can protect us from our weaknesses. Because the Spirit is with us, we too can expect to live victoriously.

How can you assist with the increase of God’s kingdom at Beyond the Walls Community Church?