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SERMON TITLE

WHEN HE CROSSES YOUR LINES

SERIES

MOVE WITH THE WIND

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KEY SCRIPTURE

Acts 10

SYNOPSIS

What if the people you've written off as impossible are exactly where the Spirit has already gone?

HIGHLIGHTS



INTRO

We laugh at the forts we built as kids — but we don't stop drawing lines. We just get more sophisticated about the signs. In Acts 10, the Spirit crosses a line the church was certain God Himself had drawn.

Notes:

THE LINE

Peter's line was real — it came from Leviticus, and on top of the Law was a history that left a wound. A wound can sound exactly like a principle. The lines hardest for the Spirit to move are not the ones we feel guilty about — they're the ones we feel right about.

"In every nation the one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:35)

Notes:

THE SHEET

The Spirit doesn't wait for Peter to finish understanding. He says go while Peter's still puzzling it out. Peter didn't cross the line because he figured it out. He crossed it because the Spirit told him to walk.

"Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." (Acts 10:15)

Notes:

THE WATER

The man who'd spent his whole life being told what stood in the way asked it one more time—and this time the answer was nothing. He went down a man kept out and came up a man who is in.

"While Peter was still speaking... the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message." (Acts 10:44)

Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water." (Acts 10:47)

Notes:



THE GOSPEL

The God who won't lower the standard is the same God who paid it in full. Not every line is wrong — some boundaries are wise. Hold your lines with an open hand, ready for the day the Spirit says, *that one comes down.*

"God "made him who had no sin to be sin for us." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Jesus "has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility." (Ephesians 2:14)

Who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" (Acts 11:17)

Notes:

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Lord — where have I been standing that You've already moved?

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