

Pastor Andrew's Devotion 22nd June (Monday)

Acts 10:1-5 At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. ² He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. ³ One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!" ⁴ Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. ⁵ Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter.

Cornelius had an unexpected visit from an angel of God. Though in fear, he received the angel with "What is it, Lord?" God interrupted him, and he had space for God. God may interrupt us in the course of the day through people we meet. Do we view interruptions as a waster of time or as opportunities God may have us to make space for others?

How do I make space for God to interrupt me?

- Have my devotion time, and be fully present to listen to God.
- Be constantly alert to what God might be saying to me. I ask, "What is it, Lord?"
- Have a day of retreat, committed to giving full attention to God.
- Do not be irked by unscheduled interruptions. Listen to God if it is His interruptions.

God asks Cornelius to welcome a potential enemy of Rome, a Jew, into his home. Who irritates, infuriates or challenges you? God may be asking you to make space for such a person.

How can I change today to make my life more hospitable to God's presence and in the interruptions of other people?