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Dorcas rise

Acts 9:36-42

10th November 2019

Joppa

- Jonah sailed from Joppa to escape from God's presence (Jonah 1:3).
- Cedar wood was shipped to the port of Joppa and then taken to Jerusalem when "Solomon determined to build a house for the name of the Lord..." (2 Chronicles 2:1; 16)
- It was a major port and trading centre, and was strategically located on the Via Maris, a major ancient trading route.
- The ancient biblical city of Joppa was located on Israel's western border on the Mediterranean coastline, about 35 miles to the west of Jerusalem. Today, it is incorporated into the greater city of Tel Aviv.



Lydda

- Also known as Lod.
- A small Palestinian city, which lies east of Tel Aviv and west of Ramallah and Jerusalem.
- The epicentre of the Arab-Israeli conflict
- Where St George is buried. Thought also to have come from and killed there.





Acts 9:36-42 New International Version (NIV)

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room.

³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

Descriptions for Tabitha (Dorcas)

Tabitha: An exemplary disciple

Tabitha: A women who lived for Jesus

Tabitha: A Woman God Used

Dorcas: Full Of Good Works

Dorcas: The Death Of A Godly Woman





We don't know much about Tabitha.

But we do know
that she was called a disciple.



Tabitha the disciple

- Humble
- Servant
- Selfless
- Compassionate

‘The King will reply,
“Truly I tell you,
whatever you did for one
of the least of these
brothers and sisters of
mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40 (NIV)



Being a disciple

Involves more than the initial act of trusting Christ:

- Someone who follows Christ .
- Accepts His discipline.
- Acknowledges His authority and lordship.
- Submits to His rule.

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:21 (NIV)



Being a disciple



Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

28 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'



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ALWAYS doing good and helping the poor.



Meeting the greatest need



- Drop In
- CAP
- Options
- Care Home visits
- Mental Health

- Kodení school
- Water filters
- Romania
- Children's work





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Doing good works



James 2:14-16 (NIVUK)

“What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, ‘Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

Doing good works



Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIVUK)

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Titus 3:5 (NIVUK)

⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

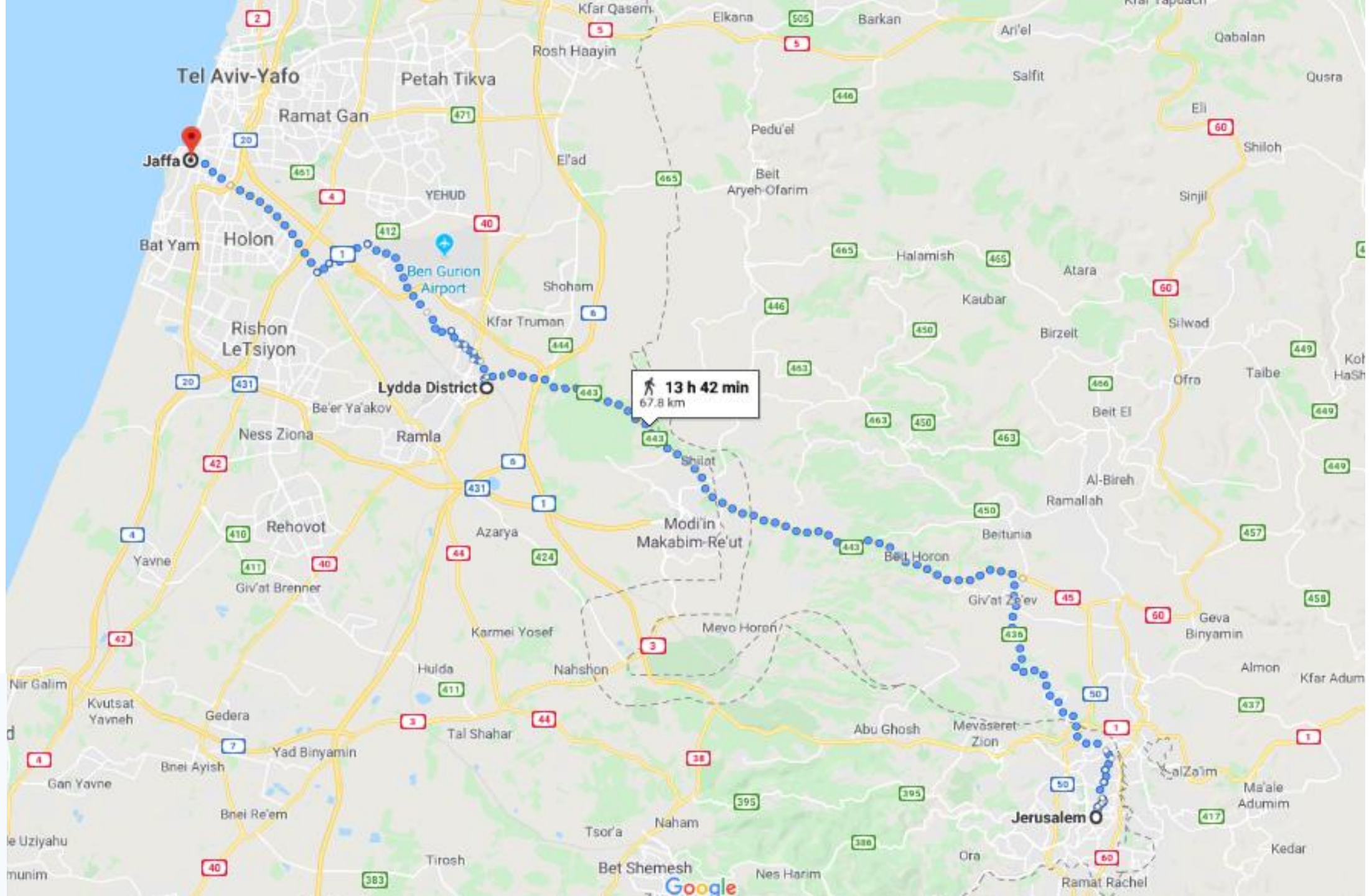
Titus 3:8 (NIVUK)

⁸ This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.



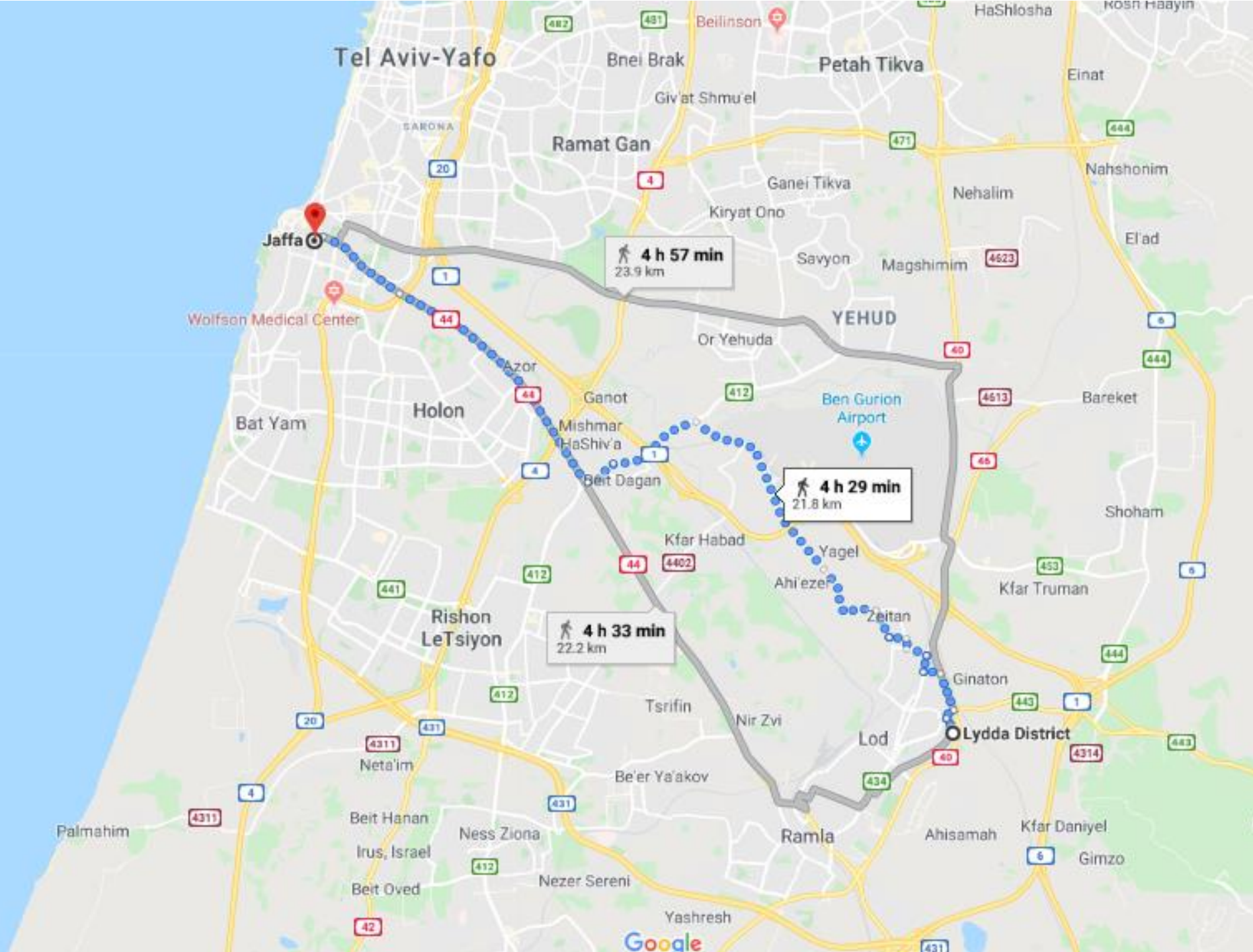
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But we do know that she became ill and
died.



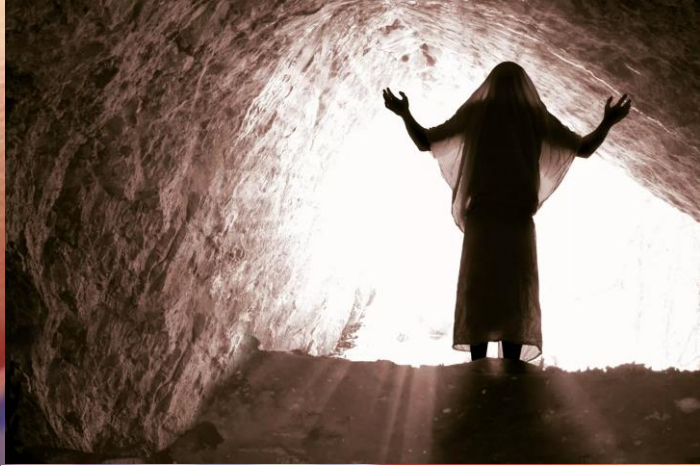
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The greatest ability God
requires from us is
AVAILABILITY

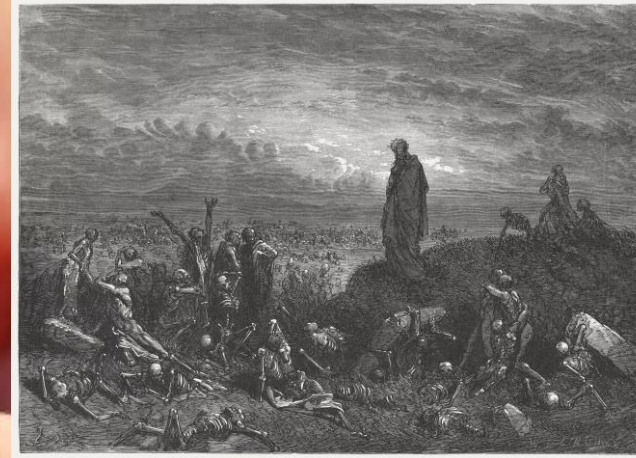




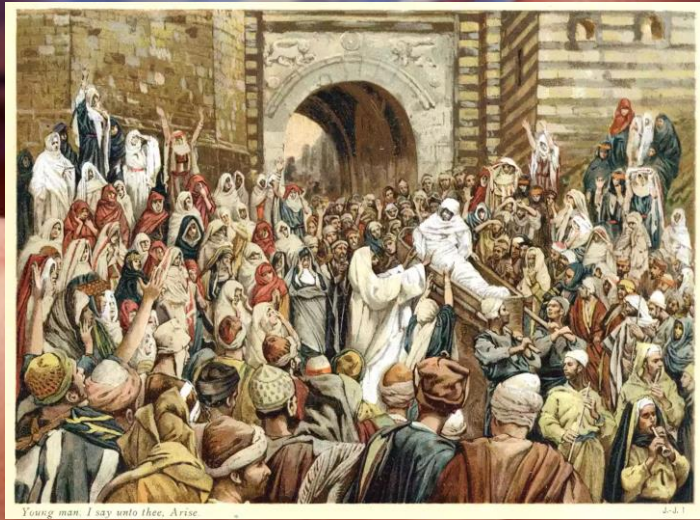
Elijah - Widow of Zarephath's Son (1 Kings 17:17-24)



Elisha - Shunammite Woman's Son (2 Kings 4:18-37)



Elisha (dead) - Israelite Man (2 Kings 13:20-21)



Jesus - Widow of Nain's Son (Luke 7:11-17)



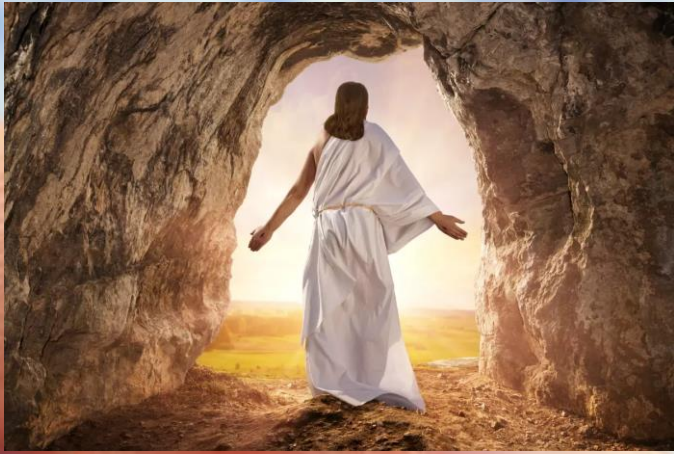
(2 Kings 13:20-21)

Jesus - Jairus' Daughter (Luke 8:52-56)



Jesus - Lazarus (John 11)

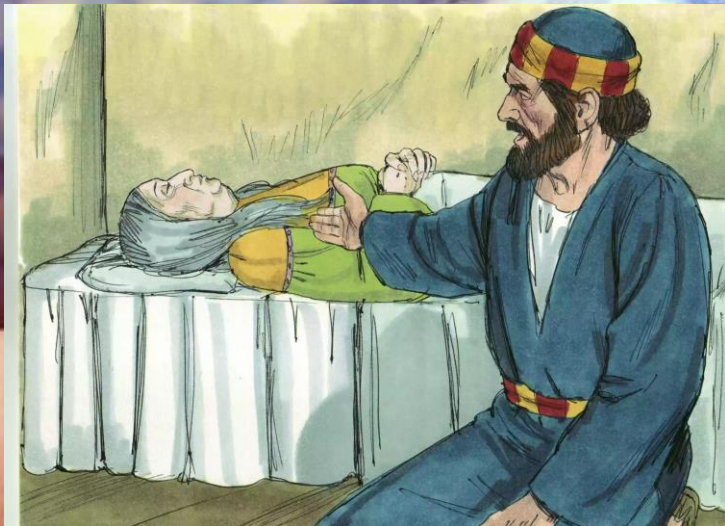
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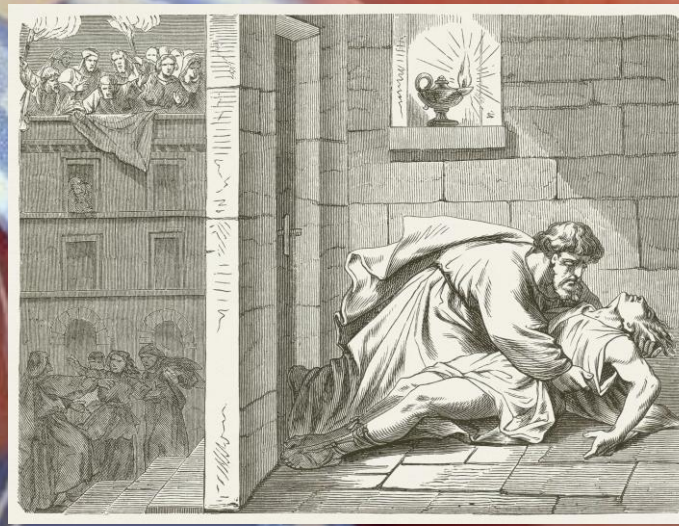
God - Jesus Christ (Mark 16:1–8)



God - Saints in Jerusalem (Matthew 27:50–53)



Peter - Tabitha or Dorcas (Acts 9:36–43)

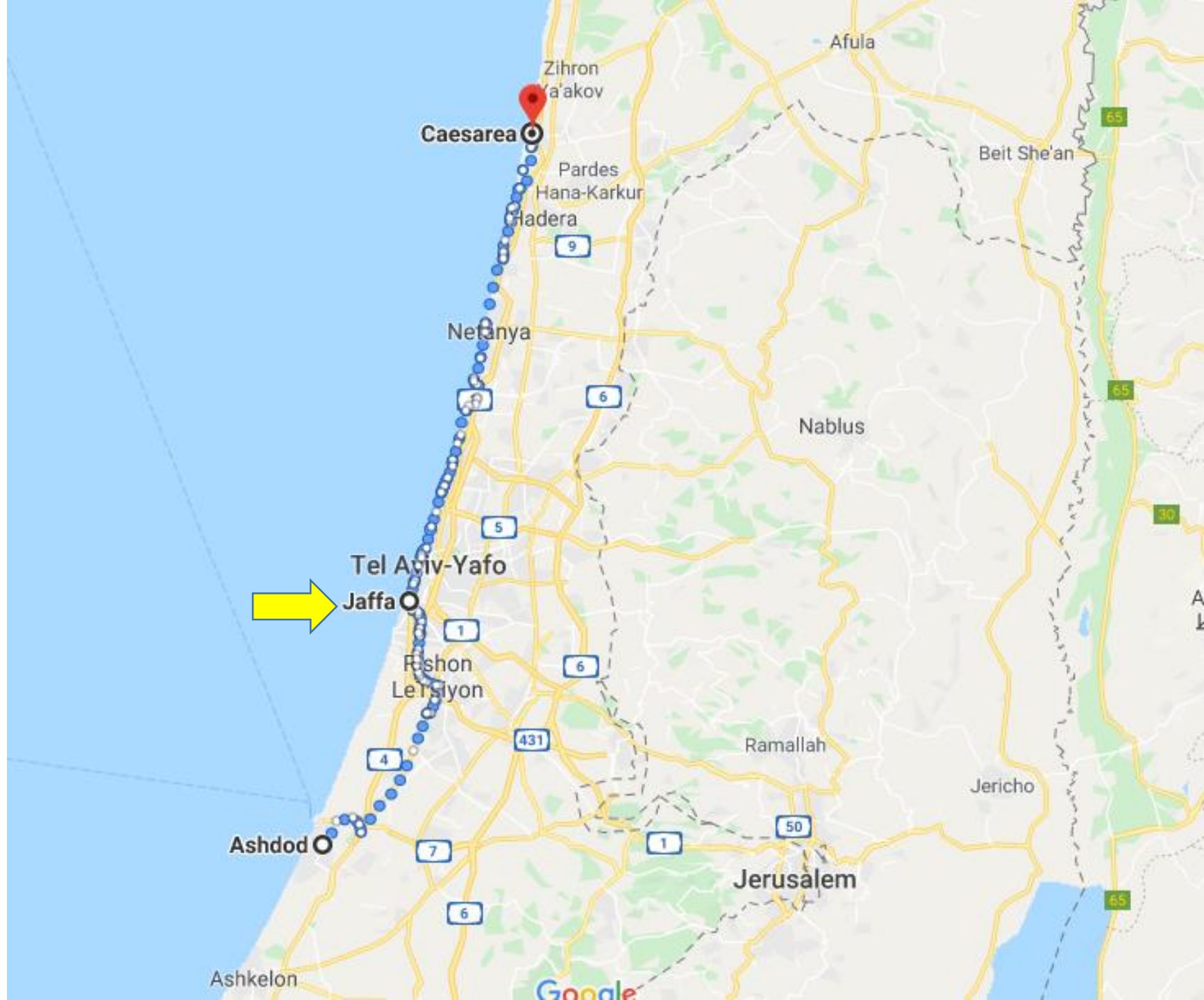


Paul – Eutychus (Acts 20:7–12)



Philip, however,
appeared at Azotus
and travelled about,
preaching the
gospel in all the
towns until he
reached Caesarea.

Acts 8:40 (NIVUK)



Miracle man responds to wife's heartfelt plea to live

CATHY O'LEARY
MEDICAL EDITOR

By all accounts Dr Sean George is a medical miracle, returning from the dead to amaze colleagues who battled for almost an hour to revive his lifeless heart.

The 39-year-old specialist from Kalgoorlie Hospital says he owes his life to pleas from his wife to stay alive for the sake of their young son and the medical staff who refused to give up even when they believed his heart attack had killed him.

His remarkable story began four months ago as he drove home to Kalgoorlie with his female intern after a clinic session in Esperance. He felt minor chest pains which he thought was bad indigestion but eventually pulled into a GP clinic in Kambalda where he used an ECG to diagnose a heart attack.

Soon after, he went into cardiac arrest and blacked out, leaving his intern and clinic staff to a grueling marathon of resuscitation, using 4000 chest compressions and 13 electrical shocks to try to jump start his heart.

By the time his wife Sherry Jacob, also a doctor, and emergency physicians from Kalgoorlie arrived, staff had worked on him for almost 55 minutes with no sign of life.

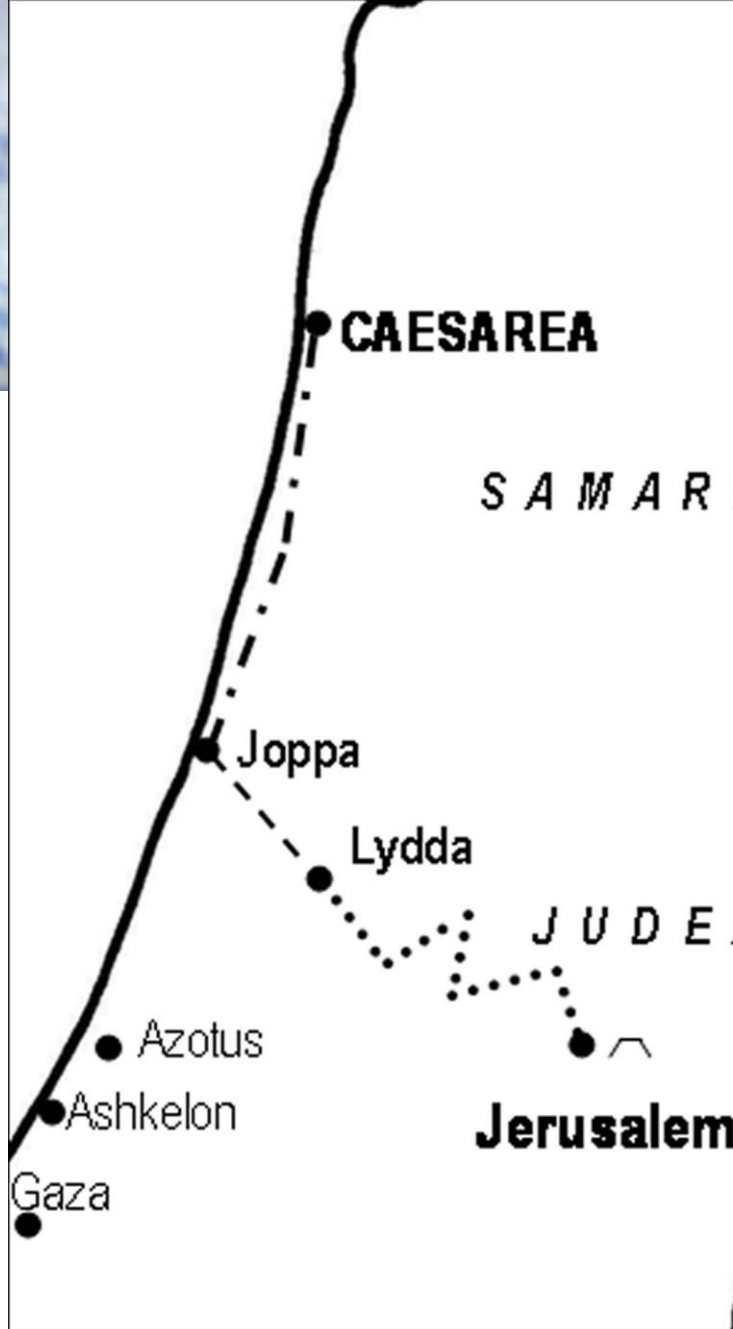


Lucky man: Sean George ready to go home after he was in cardiac arrest for 55 minutes. He is pictured with Sharad Shetty, who cleared his artery.





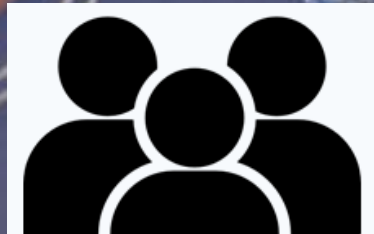
Peter, 39 - 41 AD



- Peter travels the Judean countryside; raises Aeneas in Lydda (9:34)
- - - Peter travels to Joppa, raises Tabitha from the dead; stays with Simon the Tanner (9:40;10:15)
- . - Peter goes to Cornelius' house in Caesarea (10:17)



Rise!



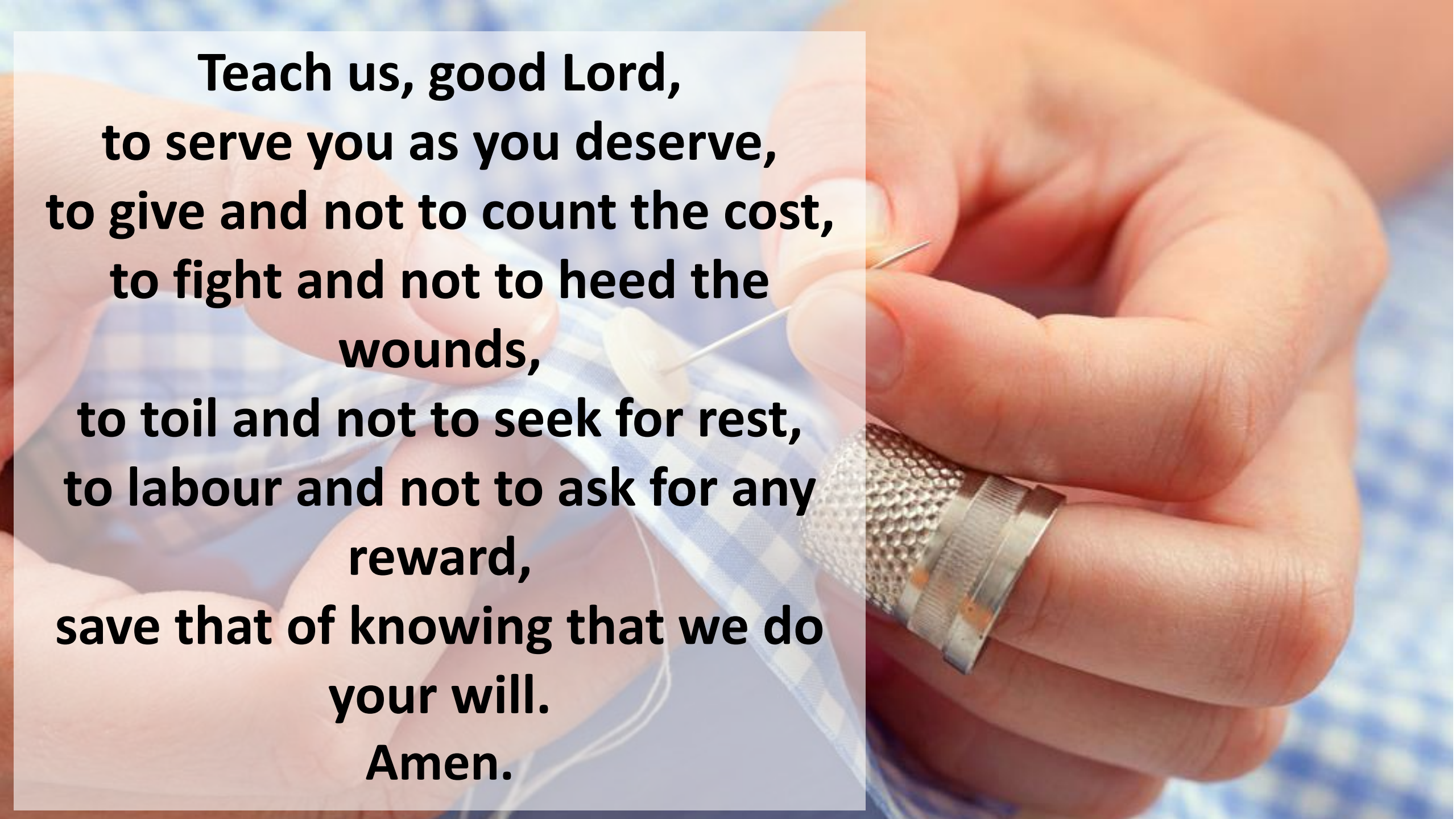
**May God bless you with discomfort
at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships
so that you may live deep in your heart.**

**May God bless you with anger
at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**May God bless you with tears
to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war,
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to
turn their pain to joy.**

**And may God bless you with enough foolishness
to believe that you can make a difference in the world,
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done
to bring justice and kindness to all our children and to the poor.**

Amen



**Teach us, good Lord,
to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the
wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for any
reward,
save that of knowing that we do
your will.
Amen.**