“What was it that made me conscious of possibilities? From where in the Southern darkness had I caught a sense of freedom? Why was it that I was able to act upon vaguely felt emotions?....It had been through books that I had managed to keep myself alive and that had evoked in me vague glimpses of life’s possibilities.” Richard Wright
Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. 

You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. Acts 10:34-40 NLT
From the Noose to Good News
Reflections on James Cone and the Witness of Christ
“The lynching of black America marked an important turning point in the history and meaning of lynching, as the racial component of lynching changed its meaning for both whites and blacks. Lynching as primarily mob violence and torture directed against blacks began to increase after the Civil War and the end of slavery, when the 1867 Congress passed the Reconstruction Act granting black men the franchise and citizenship rights of participation in the affairs of government. Most southern whites were furious at the very idea of granting ex-slaves social, political, and economic freedom.”

The Cross and the Lynching Tree pg.4.
Robert Fuller          Malcolm Harsch

Bubba Wallace
"If someone has committed a crime worthy of death and is executed and hung on a tree,[a] the body must not remain hanging from the tree overnight. You must bury the body that same day, for anyone who is hung[b] is cursed in the sight of God. In this way, you will prevent the defilement of the land the LORD your God is giving you as your special possession.

Deuteronomy 21:22-23

他们杀了他，用绳子将他钉在十字架上，

“White folks came to the cross by way of the bible and Black folks came to the bible by way of the cross”

James Cone
“How could powerless blacks endure and resist the brutality of white supremacy in nearly every aspect of their lives and still keep their sanity. I concluded that an immanent presence of a transcendent revelation, confirming for blacks that they were more than what whites said about them, gave them an inner spiritual strength to cope with anything that came their way.” Cone pg. xviii

1. Never discount the Power of Revolutionary Revelation
Then Peter replied, “I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

God will continue to bless us as we stay connected and committed to doing that which reflects God’s heart.

He was a devout, God-fearing man, as was everyone in his household. He gave generously to the poor and prayed regularly to God. One afternoon about three o’clock, Acts 10: 2-3
You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism. And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

GN- There are prices to be paid in order for these devils to be slain. God gives us the power to challenge and change arrangements that incubate and facilitate evil or
We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.

“The cross is a paradoxical religious symbol because it inverts the world’s value system with the news that hope comes by way of defeat, that suffering and death do not have the last word, that the last shall be first and the first shall be last.” pg. 2
GN- That same resurrection power is transforming our world in real time!!!!!!

Congresswoman Lucy McBath