

EDGEMONT BIBLE CHURCH

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**“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”**



**“LEADING IN A CRISIS”**

**ACTS 10-15**

**I. IT IS ONLY A CRISIS IF YOU THINK IT IS: THINK AGAIN!**

A. *Dubious Dream: An occasion to instruct God on the way things really are until He corrects you. Crisis of belief system Acts 10:1-20; focus 9-16  
Leader's response: Listen to God and learn*

B. *Conflicted Command: When God tells you to do something you don't want to do. Crisis in your plan of action*

Acts 10:20-29

Leader's response: Be obedient anyway; humility

C. *Perplexing Predicament: What are you going to tell your friends? Crisis in the surprising work of God*

Acts 10:30-48

Leader's response: Trust God and be obedient

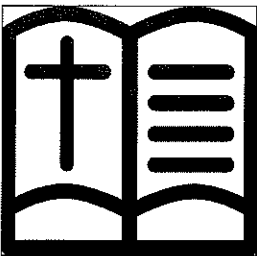
D. *Embarrassing Enquiry - When you are put on the spot for your actions Crisis in character*

Acts 11:1-18

Leader's response: Swallow your pride, tell the truth and let the chips fall where they may

E. *Surprising Seizure - Actions by others put you in a helpless place; out of your control*

Leader's response: Accept divine sovereignty, fervent prayer, wait it out (no point being anxious for what you cannot change) Acts 12:1-19



*F. Crucial Crossroads - Clash of opinions about what direction to take; strong wills and opinions; heated, lengthy debate*

*Acts 15:1-23*

*Leader's response: Let the conversation go to let all the opinions be expressed, listen carefully, keep the Word of God and His big picture in mind, look for the hand of God, seek an answer consistent with God's Word*

### **LEADERSHIP KEYS**

- 1. Identity - saved Child of God; slave of Christ*
- 2. Purpose - Know why you are here, what God wants you to do and engaged in doing it*
- 3. Big Picture - God's masterplan for restoration through Christ Jesus our Lord; Word of God*
- 4. Humility - Who you are compared to God; fully equipped; indestructible until He is done with you; listener and perpetual learner; used as God wishes*
- 5. Prayer - Continuous connection with God; according to the will of God; great expectation*
- 6. Flexibility - must be ready to move with the sovereign God and open to His changes*
- 7. Teamwork - humility to work with others using your gifts for the Big Picture; problem solving*