

Acts 10:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

Analysis

Peter's protest - 'Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean' - showed sincere resistance based on lifelong obedience. The terms 'common' (koinon) and 'unclean' (akatharton) were distinct ceremonial categories.

Historical Context

Peter's resistance demonstrated genuine piety, not mere prejudice. His lifelong Torah-observance made the command genuinely shocking.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. When have your previous understandings needed correction by further revelation?
2. How does Peter's honest resistance model engaging with difficult divine commands?

Interlinear Text

ὁ	δὲ	Πέτρος	εἶπεν	Μηδαμῶς	κύριε	ὅτι	οὐδέποτε
<small>G3588</small>	But	Peter	said	Not so	Lord	for	never
	<small>G1161</small>	<small>G4074</small>	<small>G2036</small>	<small>G3365</small>	<small>G2962</small>	<small>G3754</small>	<small>G3763</small>
ἔφαγον	πᾶν	κοινὸν	ἢ	ἀκάθαρτον			
I have	any thing	that is common	or	unclean			
<small>G5315</small>	<small>G3956</small>	<small>G2839</small>	<small>G2228</small>	<small>G169</small>			

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 20:25 (Parallel theme): Ye shall therefore put difference between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.

Ezekiel 4:14 (References Lord): Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.

Daniel 1:8 (Parallel theme): But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.