

THE CHURCH ON MISSION PART 3
UNSTOPPABLE



CHURCH AT THE CROSS

Hey church family!

We are excited to share this devotional booklet designed to align with our sermon series, *Unstoppable: The Mission of the Church*. Throughout the book of Acts, we see the power of the gospel on display as ordinary people are transformed and sent out with extraordinary purpose. This journey invites us to slow down and reflect on how God continues His mission through His Church—and through us today.

This booklet includes five daily devotionals each week, guiding us through key moments in Acts and highlighting the birth and growth of the early Church. From bold preaching to sacrificial community and unwavering faith, we see what it means to live on mission. By walking through these readings together, we create a shared experience centered on the gospel and the calling to carry Christ's hope into our world.

Each devotional includes a scripture reading and a memory verse to encourage daily time in God's Word. To guide your study, we will use the H.E.A.R. method—Highlight, Explain, Apply, and Respond. This approach, explained on the next page, is designed to help you reflect on and internalize Scripture.

As you move through each week, take your time. The New Testament Church is the model we, as believers, are called to emulate. This is a great time to reflect on the mission each believer has accepted through their relationship with Christ.

Our hope is that this devotional deepens your faith and unites us as a church family. As we focus on the same mission, may we grow together in our love for Jesus.

The H.E.A.R. Method is a great tool to study and explore God's Word. Explained below, you can use this method as a guide to your daily Bible reading each day.



H E A R

Highlight – As you read through each daily passage, several verses and words will stand out to you. Highlight them and consider writing them out. You can even give them a title that holds meaning for you.

Explain. Explain what the text means. Why was it written? To whom was it originally written? How does it fit with the verses before and after it? What does the Holy Spirit intend to communicate in this text?

Apply. Write 2 to 5 sentences about how the text applies to your life. This bridges the gap between the ancient text and your modern life. Ask questions such as: How can this help me? What do these verses mean to us today? What would the application of this verse look like in my life? What is God saying to me?

Respond. Respond to the passage you have read. Your response may take different forms and change from day to day, based on your reading. It may be a prayer, either for your life or on behalf of someone else. You may write down a specific action step you need to take. You might describe how the passage convicts you to change. Keep in mind that your response to scripture is about you and you alone, not other people or society at large.

OPEN DOORS IN UNEXPECTED PLACES

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:6–15

Scripture Memory: Acts 16:31

Paul and his companions had a plan, but God redirected their steps. Instead of entering the regions they expected, the Spirit led them to Macedonia. There they met Lydia, a woman whose heart God opened to receive the gospel. What seemed like a detour became a divine appointment. God often works through interruptions, delays, and unexpected changes to accomplish His purposes.

As believers, we must remain sensitive to God's leading. The Lord may close one door only to open another that we never anticipated. Trusting His direction requires humility and faith, but His plans always exceed our own. When we surrender our agenda, we position ourselves to see lives transformed by the gospel.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Has God ever redirected your plans in a way that later proved beneficial?
- What area of your life requires greater trust in God's guidance today?

WORSHIP IN THE MIDNIGHT HOUR

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:22–34

Scripture Memory: Acts 16:31

Paul and Silas were beaten, imprisoned, and placed in stocks. Yet at midnight they prayed and sang praises to God. Their circumstances were painful, but their faith remained steadfast. God responded with an earthquake that opened the prison doors and ultimately led to the salvation of the jailer and his household.

Faith shines brightest during seasons of hardship. Worship is not merely a response to blessings; it is an expression of trust in God's character. When believers praise God in difficult moments, they testify that Christ is greater than their circumstances. God often uses our perseverance to influence those watching our lives.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How do you typically respond when life becomes difficult?
- How might your faith encourage others during trials?

TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

Scripture Reading: Acts 17:1-9

Scripture Memory: Acts 16:31

As Paul preached in Thessalonica, some believed while others opposed the message. The critics accused the believers of "turning the world upside down." Though intended as an insult, it revealed the power of the gospel. Wherever Christ's truth is proclaimed, lives, priorities, and communities are transformed.

The gospel still challenges the values of every generation. Following Jesus means allowing His truth to reshape our thinking, choices, and relationships. While believers should live with grace and humility, we should never be surprised when God's truth confronts the world's assumptions. The message of Christ remains powerful enough to change hearts today.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- In what ways has the gospel changed your life?
- Are there areas where you resist God's transforming work?

EXAMINING THE TRUTH

Scripture Reading: Acts 17:10–15

Scripture Memory: Acts 16:31

The Bereans were commended because they eagerly received God's Word and examined the Scriptures daily to verify Paul's teaching. Their faith was not built on blind acceptance but on a sincere desire to know the truth. As a result, many came to believe in Christ.

Healthy spiritual growth requires both eagerness and discernment. Christians should be passionate learners of God's Word, testing every teaching against Scripture. A mature faith is rooted not in personality, tradition, or emotion alone, but in the unchanging truth of God's revelation. God's Word remains our authority and guide.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How consistent are you in studying Scripture for yourself?
- What practical step can you take to deepen your understanding of God's Word?

A GOD WHO CAN BE FOUND

Scripture Reading: **Deut 4:29–31; Ps 145:18; Jer 29:13;
Matt 7:7–8; John 14:6; Heb 11:6**

Scripture Memory: **Acts 16:31**

Throughout Scripture, God invites people to seek Him. From Moses to the prophets, from the teachings of Jesus to the early church, the message remains consistent: those who genuinely seek the Lord will find Him. Paul's ministry in Acts 16 and 17 demonstrates this truth as Lydia, the jailer, and many others encountered Christ.

God is not distant or indifferent. He desires a relationship with His people and reveals Himself through His Word, His Spirit, and ultimately through Jesus Christ. The same God who drew people to Himself in Acts continues to call men and women today. Our responsibility is to respond with faith, obedience, and wholehearted devotion.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What does seeking God daily look like in your current season of life?
- How have you experienced God's faithfulness when pursuing Him?

STRENGTHENED FOR THE MISSIO

Scripture Reading: Acts 18:1-11

Scripture Memory: Acts 20:24

Paul arrived in Corinth facing opposition and uncertainty, yet he remained faithful to the mission God had given him. He worked diligently, preached boldly, and trusted God even when resistance increased. The Lord encouraged Paul through a vision, reminding him not to be afraid because God was with him and had many people in the city who would believe.

There are seasons when ministry, work, family responsibilities, or personal struggles can leave us discouraged. Like Paul, we need God's reminder that our success is not measured by immediate results but by faithful obedience. God is still at work behind the scenes, preparing hearts and opening doors we cannot yet see. Our role is to keep showing up and trusting Him.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Where do you need God's encouragement to remain faithful today?
- How can you trust God when you cannot immediately see results?

GROWING THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP

Scripture Reading: Acts 18:24-28; Acts 19:1-10

Scripture Memory: Acts 20:24

Apollos was passionate and gifted, but he still needed further instruction. Priscilla and Aquila lovingly helped him understand the gospel more accurately. Later, Paul invested in believers at Ephesus, teaching them and helping them grow in spiritual maturity. The gospel advanced because people were willing both to learn and to teach.

Spiritual growth requires humility. No matter how long we have followed Christ, there is always more to learn. God often uses other believers to sharpen our understanding and strengthen our faith. Healthy disciples are both teachable and willing to help others grow. The church flourishes when believers invest in one another's spiritual development.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Are you remaining teachable in your walk with Christ?
- Who has God placed in your life to encourage and disciple?

A KINGDOM GREATER THAN IDOLS

Scripture Reading: Acts 19:11-20; Acts 19:23-41

Scripture Memory: Acts 20:24

As the gospel spread through Ephesus, people's lives were transformed. Many abandoned sinful practices and publicly demonstrated their commitment to Christ. This change threatened the city's idol-making industry because the gospel challenged what people valued most. A clash emerged between devotion to Christ and devotion to worldly gain.

Modern idols may not be carved from stone, but they can still compete for our hearts. Success, comfort, reputation, money, and control can quietly become substitutes for God. Following Jesus often requires surrendering things we once trusted. When Christ becomes our greatest treasure, every other priority falls into proper perspective.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What competes with Christ for first place in your heart?
- What area of your life needs greater surrender to God?

FINISHING THE RACE FAITHFULLY

Scripture Reading: Acts 20:17-38

Scripture Memory: Acts 20:24

Paul's farewell to the Ephesian elders reveals the heart of a faithful servant. He reminded them of his humility, perseverance, and commitment to proclaiming God's truth. Though he knew suffering awaited him, Paul remained focused on completing the assignment God had given him.

Faithfulness is not determined by comfort or ease. The Christian life often includes sacrifice, hardship, and difficult decisions. Yet our calling remains the same: to serve Christ wholeheartedly and finish well. Paul's example reminds us that a life devoted to God's purposes leaves a lasting impact on others.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What helps you stay focused on God's calling during difficult seasons?
- How do you want your faithfulness to influence others?

COURAGE IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION

Scripture Reading: Acts 21:27-40; 22:1-21; 23:11

Scripture Memory: Acts 20:24

Paul faced false accusations, angry crowds, imprisonment, and uncertainty. Yet even in those circumstances, he boldly testified about Christ. When the future seemed unclear, the Lord stood near him and assured him that His mission was not finished.

Many believers experience seasons when obedience leads to challenges rather than comfort. In those moments, God's presence becomes our greatest source of strength. Like Paul, we can continue speaking truth, trusting that God is directing our steps. The Lord who called us is faithful, and His purposes will prevail regardless of the opposition we face.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What opposition or challenge is testing your faith right now?
- How does God's presence give you confidence to continue forward?

A CLEAR CONSCIENCE BEFORE GOD

Scripture Reading: Acts 24:10-21; Psalm 139:23-24

Scripture Memory: Acts 26:22

Paul stood before Governor Felix and confidently declared that he had lived with a clear conscience before God. Though falsely accused, he did not rely on manipulation or fear. Instead, he trusted the Lord and spoke truthfully. A clear conscience is not the result of perfection but of regularly walking in repentance and obedience. God desires believers who are honest before Him even when misunderstood by others.

Many people spend energy defending their reputation, but Paul focused on honoring Christ. When our hearts are surrendered to God, we can rest knowing that He sees the truth. The approval of God is far more valuable than the approval of people. As we examine our lives, we should ask God to reveal areas that need correction so we can walk faithfully before Him.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Are there areas of your life where your conscience is unsettled before God?
- How can you pursue greater integrity this week?

DELAYED OBEDIENCE IS STILL DISOBEDIENCE

Scripture Reading: Acts 24:22-27; James 1:22-25

Scripture Memory: Acts 26:22

Felix listened carefully to Paul speak about righteousness, self-control, and coming judgment. Convicted by what he heard, he postponed his response, saying he would listen again at a more convenient time. Sadly, Scripture never records Felix making a decision to follow God's truth. He heard the message but delayed obedience.

Many people intend to obey God someday. They know what He is calling them to do, yet they continue waiting for a better season. God calls His people to respond when He speaks. Delayed obedience hardens the heart and creates distance from the Lord. When the Holy Spirit convicts us, the wisest response is immediate surrender.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Is God prompting you to take a step of obedience that you have delayed?
- What keeps you from responding immediately when God speaks?

COURAGE IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES

Scripture Reading: Acts 25:1-12; Joshua 1:9

Scripture Memory: Acts 26:22

When Paul realized the Jewish leaders were plotting against him, he exercised his legal right as a Roman citizen and appealed to Caesar. This was not an act of fear but of wisdom. Paul remained committed to God's mission while trusting God's sovereign plan for his future.

Faith does not mean ignoring danger or refusing wise decisions. Courage often involves taking the next faithful step while trusting God with the outcome. Paul knew his life belonged to Christ. Because of that confidence, he could face uncertainty without panic. Believers today can demonstrate the same courage, knowing that God's purposes cannot be thwarted by earthly opposition.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What difficult circumstance is testing your faith right now?
- How can you demonstrate both wisdom and courage in that situation?

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE CHRIST

Scripture Reading: Acts 25:13-27; Colossians 4:2-6

Scripture Memory: Acts 26:22

What appeared to be a legal hearing became another opportunity for Paul to testify about Jesus. Festus was confused by the accusations, yet Paul's faithfulness ensured that the gospel continued reaching influential leaders. God often opens unexpected doors for His message through challenging circumstances.

We may view difficulties as interruptions, but God may see them as opportunities. The workplace, doctor's office, neighborhood, or even a hardship can become a platform to point others toward Christ. Like Paul, believers should remain ready to speak about the hope they have in Jesus whenever God provides an opportunity.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What unexpected opportunity has God given you to influence others for Christ?
- How can you be more intentional about sharing your faith?

A FAITHFUL WITNESS

Scripture Reading: Acts 26:1-32; 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Scripture Memory: Acts 26:22

Before King Agrippa, Paul boldly shared his testimony. He recounted his life before Christ, his encounter with Jesus, and his calling to proclaim the gospel. Paul did not focus on defending himself as much as declaring what Christ had done. His story became a powerful witness to God's transforming grace.

Every believer has a testimony worth sharing. You may not stand before kings, but God places people in your life who need to hear how Christ has changed you. Faithful witnesses do not need impressive words; they simply need willing hearts. Like Paul, may we courageously point others to Jesus wherever God sends us.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How has Christ transformed your life?
- Who needs to hear your testimony this week?

TRUSTING GOD IN THE STORM

Scripture Reading: Acts 27:13-26, Psalm 46:1-3

Scripture Memory: Acts 28:31

Life often feels like a storm-tossed sea. Paul and the sailors faced fierce winds, uncertainty, and fear, yet Paul remained calm because God had already spoken. While everyone else focused on the waves, Paul focused on God's promise. His confidence was not in the ship, the crew, or the weather—it was in the Lord.

Believers today face storms of illness, financial strain, family struggles, and unexpected hardships. Like Paul, we can trust God's faithfulness even when circumstances appear hopeless. God's presence does not always remove the storm, but it provides peace and confidence while we endure it. Faith grows when we choose to trust His promises more than our fears.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What storm are you currently facing that requires greater trust in God?
- How can God's promises help you remain steady in difficult circumstances?

ENCOURAGING OTHERS DURING DIFFICULTY

Scripture Reading: Acts 27:27-38, Hebrews 10:24-25

Scripture Memory: Acts 28:31

As the ship drifted toward disaster, Paul encouraged everyone aboard. He urged them to eat, reassured them of God's promise, and strengthened their courage. Though he was a prisoner, Paul became a source of hope for those around him.

God often places believers in difficult situations not only for their own growth but also to encourage others. People around us may be discouraged, fearful, or weary. A word of faith, a prayer, or a reminder of God's goodness can strengthen hearts. Even when we face challenges ourselves, God can use us to point others toward hope.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Who in your life needs encouragement right now?
- How can you intentionally share hope with someone this week?

GOD'S PROTECTION THROUGH TRIALS

Scripture Reading: Acts 27:39-44; 28:1-6; Isa 41:10

Scripture Memory: Acts 28:31

The ship was destroyed exactly as Paul had warned, yet every person survived. After reaching shore, Paul was bitten by a viper, but God protected him again. The trials were real, but God's hand remained upon him through every challenge.

Following Christ does not exempt us from hardship. Sometimes the ship breaks apart, and sometimes unexpected troubles arise after we think the crisis has ended. Yet God's care remains constant. He walks with His people through every trial and accomplishes His purposes despite obstacles. Our security is found not in comfort but in God's faithful presence.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How have you seen God's protection in past difficulties?
- What trial are you trusting God to carry you through today?

SERVING OTHERS WHEREVER GOD PLACES YOU

Scripture Reading: Acts 28:7-10; Galatians 6:9-10

Scripture Memory: Acts 28:31

After surviving the storm, Paul did not focus on himself. Instead, he ministered to the people of Malta, praying for the sick and demonstrating God's compassion. Even while awaiting trial, Paul continued serving others faithfully.

Many believers wait for perfect circumstances before serving. Paul shows us that ministry happens wherever God places us. Whether at work, home, church, or in the community, opportunities to demonstrate Christ's love surround us every day. Faithfulness is not about position; it is about obedience. God can use ordinary acts of service to make an eternal impact.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Where has God currently placed you to serve others?
- What practical act of kindness can you show this week?

FINISHING THE MISSION WITH BOLDNESS

Scripture Reading: Acts 28:16-31; Matt 28:18-20

Scripture Memory: Acts 28:31

The book of Acts closes with Paul under house arrest in Rome, yet the gospel continues advancing. Though confined physically, Paul boldly proclaimed Christ and taught anyone willing to listen. The mission continued because God's work cannot be stopped by earthly limitations.

Acts ends without a true ending because the mission continues through believers today. We are called to share Christ, disciple others, and live faithfully wherever God has placed us. The same Spirit who empowered the early church empowers us now. May we live and speak with boldness, trusting that God is still advancing His kingdom.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How can you be more intentional about sharing your faith?
- What step of obedience is God calling you to take this week?

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