

THE CHURCH ON MISSION PART 2

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.

SCATTERED BUT STILL FAITHFUL

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:1-8

Scripture Memory: Acts 8:3

The church in Jerusalem had just experienced incredible growth, but persecution quickly followed. After Stephen's death, believers were scattered across the region. Fear could have silenced them. Pain could have caused them to retreat. Instead, the scattered church carried the gospel everywhere they went. Often, God uses difficult seasons to move His people into places they never would have gone otherwise.

Many of us pray for comfort when God may be calling us toward courage. Seasons of disruption can feel confusing, disappointing, or unfair, but God is still working in the middle of uncertainty. The gospel traveled farther because believers refused to let suffering silence their faith. When life scatters us through unexpected change, difficulty, or loss, we still have the opportunity to reflect Jesus wherever we land.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How have difficult seasons stretched or strengthened your faith?
- What opportunities has God placed in front of you to share Christ where you are right now?

AN OPEN HEART TO THE GOSPEL

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:26-39

Scripture Memory: Acts 8:3

Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian official shows how personally God pursues people. An angel directed Philip toward a desert road that likely seemed insignificant or random. Yet on that road sat a man searching for the truth as he read Isaiah's prophecy about the Messiah. Philip listened to the Spirit's leading, approached the chariot, and explained the gospel clearly. One obedient moment changed a man's eternity and carried the message of Jesus farther into the world.

Many believers wait for huge ministry moments while missing the everyday opportunities God places directly in front of them. The people around us are often searching for peace, truth, purpose, and hope even if they do not openly admit it. God still uses ordinary conversations, invitations, and acts of faithfulness to draw people to Himself. When we remain sensitive to the Holy Spirit, God can use us in powerful ways.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Are you attentive to the Holy Spirit's prompting in everyday moments?
- Who in your life may be spiritually searching right now?

A LIFE INTERRUPTED

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-9

Scripture Memory: Acts 8:3

Saul was determined to destroy the church. He believed he was serving God while actively fighting against Jesus and persecuting believers. On the road to Damascus, everything changed. Jesus confronted Saul directly with a blinding light and a powerful question: “Why are you persecuting me?” In that moment, Saul realized he was not merely attacking Christians; he was opposing Christ Himself. The man who once hunted believers suddenly found himself helpless, blind, and completely dependent on the mercy of God.

God specializes in interrupting lives with grace. Saul seemed like the least likely person to become a follower of Jesus, yet God saw something greater than Saul’s past. Many people believe they are too broken, too sinful, or too far gone for God to use them. Acts 9 reminds us that nobody is beyond the reach of Christ. God can transform the hardest heart, redeem the deepest failure, and rewrite any story. The same Jesus who confronted Saul still calls people today to surrender, repentance, and transformation.

- What is one thing that you saw in today’s passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How has God interrupted your life to draw you closer to Him?
- Is there someone you have assumed is “too far gone” for God to reach?

CALLED TO WELCOME THE CHANGE

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:10-19

Scripture Memory: Acts 8:3

Ananias received a difficult assignment from God: go minister to Saul. From a human perspective, the request made little sense. Saul was dangerous. He had arrested Christians and created fear throughout the church. Yet God had already begun transforming Saul's heart. Ananias had to decide whether he would trust his fear or trust God's voice. In obedience, Ananias went to Saul, called him "Brother Saul," prayed for him, and helped him take his first steps as a follower of Jesus.

It can be difficult to believe people truly change. We remember their failures, wounds they caused, or reputations they built. Yet the gospel is built upon transformation. Every believer is someone Jesus rescued and redeemed. Churches must remain places where restored people are welcomed, disciplined, and encouraged to grow. God often uses ordinary believers to encourage and disciple those who are newly walking with Christ.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Are you willing to trust God's transforming work in other people's lives?
- How can you help encourage or disciple someone growing in their faith?

FROM DEATH TO MISSION

Scripture Reading: Eph 2:1-10; 2 Cor 5:17-20

Scripture Memory: Acts 8:3

The stories in Acts 8 and 9 reveal a powerful truth: the gospel changes everything. Whether it was the Ethiopian official searching for truth, persecuted believers sharing the gospel while scattered, or Saul encountering Jesus on the Damascus road, every story points to God's transforming grace. Paul later wrote that believers were once spiritually dead but are now made alive in Christ. Salvation is not self-improvement; it is complete transformation through Jesus. God rescues us from sin and then sends us out as ambassadors of reconciliation.

Many Christians stop at salvation without embracing mission. Yet transformed people are called to help others encounter Christ. God did not save Saul simply so he could enjoy forgiveness; He saved Saul to carry the gospel to the nations. The same is true for us. Every believer has a purpose in God's kingdom. Your story, your testimony, your gifts, and even your struggles can become tools God uses to reach others. The gospel is never meant to terminate with us. It is meant to move through us. Jesus changes lives so that changed lives can point others back to Him.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How has your life been transformed by the gospel?
- In what ways is God calling you to actively live on mission for Him?

GOD INTERRUPTS OUR COMFORT

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:1-8

Scripture Memory: Acts 10:28b

Cornelius was respected, generous, and devoted to God, yet he still needed the gospel. God met him in a vision and called him to send for Peter. This reminds us that good morals, generosity, and religious habits cannot replace a relationship with Jesus. God was already at work in Cornelius's heart before Peter ever arrived.

Many times, God interrupts our routines to expand our vision. Cornelius obeyed immediately, even without understanding the full plan. Mature faith trusts God before all the answers are visible. God often prepares both the messenger and the hearer at the same time. The gospel moves forward when ordinary people respond with extraordinary obedience. We may never know what eternal impact begins with one simple act of surrender.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Where might God be asking you to obey before you fully understand?
- How have you seen God preparing circumstances ahead of you?

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:9–23

Scripture Memory: Acts 10:28b

Peter's vision challenged deeply rooted beliefs about clean and unclean things. God was not only changing Peter's thinking about food; He was transforming his heart toward people. Peter had spent years around Jesus, yet still carried prejudice and assumptions that needed correction. Spiritual maturity does not mean we are beyond growth.

God still confronts the barriers we build between ourselves and others. Pride, politics, culture, race, and personal preferences can quietly shape how we view people. The gospel tears down those walls. Peter's willingness to listen to the Holy Spirit opened the door for entire households to hear about Jesus. When believers allow God to reshape their hearts, revival can begin in unexpected places and among unexpected people.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Are there any attitudes or assumptions God may want to change in you?
- How can you better reflect the inclusive love of Jesus this week?

THE HOLY SPIRIT FALLS

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34–48

Scripture Memory: Acts 10:28b

Peter finally understood that God shows no favoritism. As he preached Jesus to Cornelius and his household, the Holy Spirit fell upon everyone listening. The Jewish believers were amazed because God's grace was being poured out on Gentiles too. Salvation was never meant for one group alone; it was always God's plan for the nations.

The church grows healthiest when it celebrates what God is doing in others instead of guarding spiritual blessings for itself. God's grace reaches beyond backgrounds, failures, traditions, and expectations. Sometimes believers struggle when God moves differently than they anticipated. Yet the evidence of transformed lives cannot be ignored. The same Spirit that empowered the early church still changes hearts today. God continues calling His people to rejoice whenever anyone comes to Christ.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Why is it important that God shows no favoritism?
- How can you celebrate God's work in people who are different from you?

EXPLAINING THE CHANGE

Scripture Reading: Acts 11:1–18

Scripture Memory: Acts 10:28b

When Peter returned to Jerusalem, many believers questioned his actions. Instead of reacting defensively, Peter carefully shared what God had done. He testified about God's leading, the Holy Spirit's movement, and transformed lives. Eventually the believers praised God because they recognized His hand in the situation.

Sometimes obedience to God will not immediately make sense to others. Following Jesus may require patience as people process change or unfamiliar ministry opportunities. Peter modeled humility and faithfulness during criticism. Rather than fighting for personal approval, he pointed everyone back to God's work. Healthy believers remain teachable and open to the Spirit's direction, even when it stretches tradition or comfort zones. Unity grows when God's people celebrate His mission above personal preference.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How do you normally respond when others question your decisions?
- What helps believers maintain unity during seasons of change?

ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST

Scripture Reading: Gal 3:26–29; Eph 2:11–22

Scripture Memory: Acts 10:28b

The events of Acts 10–11 revealed a powerful truth: Jesus unites people who once stood divided. Through Christ, strangers become family, and those far from God are brought near. The gospel destroys hostility and creates a new community centered on grace. The church was never designed to reflect worldly divisions but heavenly unity.

In today's world, division seems everywhere. Yet believers are called to demonstrate something different. Our identity in Christ must be greater than our culture, preferences, or background. When the church loves across barriers, the world sees the power of the gospel. Unity does not mean sameness; it means being joined together by Jesus. God's mission continues through believers willing to welcome others with the same grace they have received.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What divisions most threaten unity among believers today?
- How can you intentionally build bridges with others through the gospel?

TREASURING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:1–8

Scripture Memory: Psalm 119:9

The opening verses of Psalm 119 remind us that true blessing is not found in comfort, success, or popularity, but in walking according to God's instruction. The psalmist paints a picture of wholehearted obedience—someone who seeks God consistently and desires to honor Him in every area of life. While perfection is impossible on this side of eternity, faithfulness begins with a heart that treasures God's Word above personal preference.

Many adults know what God says but struggle to consistently live it out. Responsibilities, distractions, and disappointments can slowly dull our passion for Scripture. Yet God's Word was never meant to simply inform us; it was meant to transform us. The more we meditate on Scripture, the more our desires begin to align with God's heart. Obedience becomes less about obligation and more about love.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What distractions most often keep you from spending time in God's Word?
- How can you intentionally treasure Scripture this week?

HIDING THE WORD IN OUR HEARTS

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:9–16

Scripture Memory: Psalm 119:9

Purity does not happen by accident. The psalmist asks a deeply practical question about staying spiritually clean in a sinful world, and the answer is simple yet powerful: live according to God's Word. Scripture guards our hearts, corrects our thinking, and strengthens us when temptation comes. God's truth becomes a defense against compromise when it is hidden deeply within us.

Adults often face subtle temptations rather than obvious ones—bitterness, pride, anxiety, greed, or spiritual apathy. These struggles quietly pull us away from intimacy with God. The psalmist understood that memorizing and meditating on Scripture was essential for staying grounded. God's Word helps us recognize lies and replace them with truth. A heart filled with Scripture becomes more sensitive to the voice of God and more prepared to walk faithfully each day.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What area of your life needs to be brought under the truth of Scripture?
- What is one practical way you can meditate on God's Word daily?

STRENGTH IN AFFLICTION

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:49–56

Scripture Memory: Psalm 119:9

The psalmist openly speaks about suffering, hardship, and opposition, yet he continually returns to the comfort of God's promises. Affliction has a way of revealing where we place our trust. During difficult seasons, many people turn to temporary comforts or isolate themselves from God. The psalmist chose instead to cling to Scripture, finding hope and stability in the unchanging character of God.

Trials often deepen our dependence on the Lord in ways comfort never could. God's Word reminds us that pain is not pointless and suffering is not permanent. Scripture gives perspective when emotions feel overwhelming. It anchors us when circumstances are uncertain. Even in the darkest nights, God's truth provides comfort, wisdom, and endurance. The believer who remains rooted in God's Word during suffering will discover strength that cannot be shaken by changing circumstances.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How has God used difficult seasons to draw you closer to Him?
- Which promises from Scripture encourage you during hardship?

A LAMP FOR THE JOURNEY

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:97–105

Scripture Memory: Psalm 119:9

One of the most beloved verses in Psalm 119 describes God's Word as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. God rarely reveals every detail about the future, but He faithfully gives enough light for the next step. Scripture provides wisdom for daily decisions, relationships, priorities, and spiritual growth. The more we study God's Word, the more clearly we learn to recognize His direction.

Adults often desire clarity for the long road ahead, yet God calls us to trust Him one step at a time. His Word protects us from wandering spiritually and helps us discern truth in a confusing world. A consistent time in Scripture reshapes how we think and respond to life. When God's truth lights our path, we can walk with confidence even when the future feels uncertain.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What decision or situation currently requires God's wisdom?
- How has Scripture guided you during uncertain seasons?

REVIVED BY GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:129–136

Scripture Memory: Psalm 119:9

The psalmist describes God's Word as wonderful, life-giving, and full of understanding. Scripture is not dry information; it is spiritual nourishment for weary souls. Many believers experience seasons where their passion for God fades under the weight of routine, stress, or disappointment. Yet God's Word has the power to revive our hearts and renew our love for Him.

Spiritual renewal begins when we return to God honestly and allow His truth to shape us again. The psalmist longed for God's instruction because he understood its value. Scripture exposes sin, restores joy, and reminds us of God's faithfulness. Time spent with God is never wasted. Even when emotions feel distant, His Word continues to work within us, drawing us back into deeper fellowship with Him and strengthening our walk day by day.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- In what ways do you need spiritual renewal right now?
- How can you create more intentional space for God's Word in your life?

LOOKING AROUND INSTEAD OF LOOKING UP

Scripture Reading: Psalm 73:1–5, 12–14

Scripture Memory: Psalm 73:28

Asaph begins Psalm 73 with a divided perspective. He knows God is good, yet what he sees around him seems to contradict that truth. The wicked appear healthy, wealthy, carefree, and untouched by struggle. Meanwhile, he feels exhausted from trying to live faithfully. His perspective becomes shaped more by comparison than by confidence in God.

Many believers wrestle with the same tension. We look around and wonder why compromise seems rewarded while obedience feels costly. Social media, careers, finances, and relationships can all distort our perspective. When our eyes stay fixed on others, envy grows quickly. But comparison never leads to peace. God never intended our spiritual vision to be shaped by the temporary success of others. A worldly perspective produces frustration, but a God-centered perspective begins with trusting His character even before we understand His plan.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What situations tempt you to compare your life with others?
- How can you intentionally refocus your perspective on God this week?

THE DANGER OF A BITTER PERSPECTIVE

Scripture Reading: Psalm 73:15–16, 21–22

Scripture Memory: Psalm 73:28

Asaph admits that bitterness had started to shape his heart. He became overwhelmed trying to understand why life looked unfair. His frustration clouded his thinking and distorted his relationship with God. He later confessed that he had become “senseless and ignorant,” reacting emotionally instead of spiritually. Bitterness always narrows our perspective and causes us to lose sight of God’s faithfulness.

When hurt, disappointment, or unanswered questions build up, bitterness can quietly take root in us as well. We may still attend church, pray, and serve while inwardly carrying frustration toward God or others. A bitter perspective isolates us and keeps us focused on what feels wrong instead of what God is doing. Yet God graciously exposes those attitudes not to shame us, but to restore us. Healing begins when we honestly bring our struggles before the Lord and allow Him to reshape how we see our circumstances.

- What is one thing that you saw in today’s passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Is there any bitterness affecting your perspective right now?
- What would it look like to surrender that frustration to God?

A CHANGED PERSPECTIVE IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Scripture Reading: Psalm 73:16–20

Scripture Memory: Psalm 73:28

Everything changed for Asaph when he entered God's presence. His circumstances had not changed, but his perspective had. In worship, he saw life from an eternal viewpoint instead of a temporary one. What once appeared stable and successful was actually fragile and fading. God helped him understand that earthly prosperity without God is never lasting security.

God's presence still changes perspectives today. When we spend time in prayer, worship, and Scripture, God realigns our hearts with truth. Problems that once seemed overwhelming begin to look different through the lens of eternity. We stop measuring life by comfort, status, or possessions and start measuring it by closeness to God. Worship reminds us that this world is temporary, but God's promises are eternal. Sometimes the greatest change God brings is not removing our struggle, but transforming how we see it.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How does spending time with God change your perspective?
- What temporary things have been distracting you from eternal truth?

GOD HOLDS US STEADY

Scripture Reading: Psalm 73:23–26

Scripture Memory: Psalm 73:28

After wrestling with envy and confusion, Asaph recognized something powerful: God had never abandoned him. Even in moments of doubt, the Lord was holding his hand and guiding him faithfully. His perspective shifted from focusing on what he lacked to recognizing what he already possessed in God. Earthly strength fades, but God remains our lasting portion forever.

Life often feels uncertain. Health can decline, finances can shift, relationships can disappoint, and emotions can fluctuate. Yet God's presence provides stability that circumstances cannot offer. A worldly perspective searches for security in temporary things, but a godly perspective finds confidence in the unchanging character of God. When everything else feels shaky, the believer can stand firm knowing God is still near. He is not only our Savior in eternity but also our strength in everyday life. His grip on us is stronger than our grip on Him.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What temporary source of security do you tend to rely on most?
- How have you experienced God's strength during difficult seasons?

CHOOSING THE BETTER PERSPECTIVE

Scripture Reading: Psalm 73:27–28

Scripture Memory: Psalm 73:28

Psalm 73 ends with a clear choice between two perspectives. One perspective chases temporary satisfaction apart from God and eventually leads to emptiness. The other finds true joy and refuge in God's presence. Asaph realized that the greatest blessing was not prosperity, ease, or answers—it was closeness to God Himself. His struggles led him to discover what mattered most.

Every day we choose how we will see life. We can interpret everything through fear, comparison, frustration, and worldly success, or we can anchor our perspective in God's truth. A godly perspective does not ignore pain or difficulty, but it trusts that God remains good through every season. When we make God our refuge, our hearts become steady even when life feels uncertain. The closer we walk with Him, the clearer our perspective becomes. God's presence truly is our greatest good.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Which perspective has been shaping your thoughts most recently?
- What practical step can help you stay focused on God's presence daily?

PRAYING IN THE DARK

Scripture Reading: Acts 12:1-11

Scripture Memory: Acts 12:24

James had been killed, Peter was imprisoned, and the church was under pressure. Humanly speaking, the situation looked hopeless. Yet while Peter sat chained between soldiers, the church gathered and prayed fervently. God responded in a miraculous way, sending an angel to lead Peter out of prison. The chains fell off, the doors opened, and Peter walked free.

There are seasons when life feels locked up and impossible. We pray, but nothing seems to move. Acts 12 reminds us that God is still working even when we cannot see it. Sometimes He changes the circumstance immediately; other times He changes our heart in the waiting. Either way, prayer is never wasted. God hears His people, and His power is not limited by closed doors, impossible odds, or fearful circumstances.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What situation in your life feels impossible right now?
- How can you become more faithful in prayer during difficult seasons?

GOD GETS THE GLORY

Scripture Reading: Acts 12:20–25

Scripture Memory: Acts 12:24

Herod accepted praise that belonged to God alone, while the believers continued walking faithfully in obedience. Herod's power looked impressive for a moment, but earthly power never lasts. In contrast, the Word of God continued to spread and multiply. God's kingdom kept moving forward despite opposition.

It is easy to become distracted by people who seem powerful, influential, or successful. Culture often celebrates pride and self-promotion, but Scripture reminds us that God alone deserves glory. The church in Acts did not survive because of political favor or human strength. It grew because God was at work through humble and faithful people. Our responsibility is not to chase recognition but to remain obedient. When we stay faithful, God can accomplish more through our surrender than we could ever accomplish through our own striving.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- In what ways are you tempted to seek recognition instead of giving God glory?
- How can you remain faithful even when culture opposes biblical truth?

SENT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Scripture Reading: Acts 13:1-5

Scripture Memory: Acts 12:24

The church at Antioch worshiped, fasted, and listened to the Holy Spirit. During that time, God called Barnabas and Saul to missionary work. The church responded by praying, laying hands on them, and sending them out. This moment marked the beginning of a major missionary movement that would impact the world.

God often speaks while His people are worshiping and seeking Him sincerely. Many believers want direction from God without slowing down long enough to listen. The Antioch church teaches us the importance of spiritual sensitivity. They created space for prayer, worship, and obedience. When God spoke, they responded immediately. The mission of God still advances through ordinary believers who are willing to say yes. We may not all travel overseas, but every Christian is called to live on mission wherever God has placed them.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Are you creating space in your life to hear God clearly?
- Where might God be calling you to step out in faith?

RESPONDING TO THE GOSPEL

Scripture Reading: Acts 13:38–52

Scripture Memory: Acts 12:24

Paul boldly preached forgiveness through Jesus, declaring that salvation could not come through the law but only through Christ. Some people rejoiced and believed, while others became jealous and resistant. The same message produced two very different responses.

The gospel still divides hearts today. Some receive it with joy and surrender, while others reject it because it challenges their pride or comfort. As believers, we cannot control how people respond, but we are called to remain faithful in sharing truth with love and courage. Paul and Barnabas did not quit when opposition came. Instead, they continued with joy and confidence in God's calling. Faithfulness is not measured by popularity but by obedience. God's truth continues to change lives when His people boldly proclaim Jesus.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How have you personally responded to the message of Jesus?
- What fears keep you from boldly sharing your faith?

THE MISSION CONTINUES

Scripture Reading: Matt 28:18–20; Rom 10:13–15

Scripture Memory: Acts 12:24

The mission that began in Acts continues today. Jesus commanded His followers to make disciples of all nations, and Paul later reminded believers that people cannot believe unless someone tells them the good news. God chooses to use ordinary people to carry an extraordinary message.

Every believer has a role in God's mission. Some go across the world, while others minister faithfully in homes, workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods. The call is the same: be available and obedient. We are not responsible for changing hearts; only God can do that. But we are responsible for living faithfully and pointing people to Jesus. The gospel spread through the early church because believers refused to stay silent. The same God who empowered them still empowers His church today.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Who in your life needs to hear the hope of the gospel?
- What practical step can you take this week to live more missionally?

BOLD IN THE MIDDLE OF OPPOSITION

Scripture Reading: Acts 14:1-7

Scripture Memory: Acts 15:7b-11

Paul and Barnabas entered Iconium preaching boldly, and many believed in Jesus. Yet wherever the Gospel advanced, opposition followed closely behind. Division rose among the people, threats increased, and plans were made to mistreat them. Even in the middle of danger, Paul and Barnabas continued speaking courageously because they knew the message of Jesus was worth everything.

Faithfulness to God does not always produce comfort. Sometimes obedience places us directly in difficult situations. Yet Acts 14 reminds us that courage is not the absence of fear; it is choosing obedience despite fear. God still calls believers to speak truth, love people, and stand firm even when culture pushes back. The Gospel is too important for silence.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What opposition or fear keeps you from living boldly for Christ?
- How can you remain faithful when obedience becomes uncomfortable?

STRENGTHENED THROUGH HARDSHIP

Scripture Reading: Acts 14:19–28

Scripture Memory: Acts 15:7b-11

Paul was stoned in Lystra and dragged outside the city because people assumed he was dead. Yet after the believers gathered around him, he got back up and continued the mission. Later, Paul and Barnabas revisited churches, strengthening disciples and reminding them that hardships are part of following Jesus faithfully.

Modern faith often expects comfort and ease, but Scripture consistently teaches perseverance. God uses trials to mature believers, deepen dependence, and strengthen the church. Paul did not allow suffering to define his calling. Instead, hardship became evidence that God was still at work. Sometimes the greatest testimony is simply refusing to quit when life becomes painful. God strengthens weary believers so they can continue walking faithfully through difficult seasons.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How has God used hardship to grow your faith?
- Where do you need God's strength to keep moving forward?

SALVATION BY GRACE ALONE

Scripture Reading: Acts 15:1-11

Scripture Memory: Acts 15:7b-11

The church faced serious disagreement when some believers taught that Gentiles must follow Jewish customs to be saved. Peter boldly reminded the church that salvation comes through the grace of Jesus Christ alone, not through human effort or religious performance. God had already transformed Gentile hearts by faith, proving His salvation was available to all people equally.

Believers today still struggle with adding requirements to grace. Sometimes we subtly believe God loves us more when we perform better spiritually. Yet salvation has always been rooted in Jesus' finished work, not our ability to earn acceptance. Grace humbles pride and removes comparison. We obey God not to earn salvation, but because we already belong to Him. The Gospel frees us from striving and invites us into joyful surrender.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Do you ever base your worth on spiritual performance instead of grace?
- How does remembering God's grace change your relationship with Him?

STANDING FIRM UNTIL THE END

**Scripture Reading: Gal 6:9–10; Jms 1:2–4; Rom 5:3–5;
Heb 10:23–25; 1 Pt 5:10**

Scripture Memory: Acts 15:7b-11

The New Testament repeatedly reminds believers to persevere faithfully. Trials develop endurance, suffering produces hope, and community strengthens weary hearts. God never promised a life free from difficulty, but He promised His presence and sustaining grace through every season. Followers of Jesus are called to continue doing good even when results seem slow or unseen.

Many believers grow discouraged because faithfulness can feel exhausting. Yet God sees every act of obedience, every unseen sacrifice, and every moment of perseverance. The same God who strengthened Paul, Barnabas, and the early church still strengthens His people today. When believers encourage one another and keep their eyes on Christ, endurance becomes possible. God finishes the work He begins in His children.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Are you contributing more to unity or division in your relationships?
- How can you encourage fellow believers this week?

THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF FAITHFULNESS

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:12-14

Scripture Memory: Acts 15:7b-11

Stephen's death seemed like a tragedy, but God used it to scatter believers and spread the gospel. What looked like defeat became divine strategy. Persecution pushed the church outward, and the message of Jesus reached new places. God often uses difficult seasons to accomplish greater purposes than we can see in the moment.

Our faithfulness has a ripple effect. When we trust God in hardship, others are strengthened, and the gospel advances. Like Paul later wrote, what happened to him actually served to advance the gospel. God wastes nothing—not our pain, not our obedience, not our witness. When we remain faithful, He multiplies the impact far beyond what we imagine.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Which qualities from this passage do you want to grow in most?
- How can your daily life reflect a deeper reverence for the Lord?

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