

ACTS

The book of Acts is the template for the church. We need the same boldness and passion to share the gospel as the Apostles, and the same strength under persecution.

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Scripture taken from The Holy Bible: (NIV)

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1	“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”	Acts 1:8	Do you want to be a better witness for Christ? Ask and wait for the Holy Spirit to come. Jesus said, “How much more will I give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?” The Holy Spirit can give you the words to say, he can give you wisdom and boldness and peace in the midst of any storm. As a witness you will be Christ’s ambassador in your home, your workplace, your region, your social media and to the ends of the earth! Will you be ready to witness for Christ today?	Father God, Please fill me with your Holy Spirit. Fill my heart, my mouth, my whole being. In Jesus name. Amen.
2	Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”	Acts 2:38-39	The dictionary definition of repent is, “to feel such sorrow for sin or fault as to be disposed to change one’s life for the better.” It not only involves a change of mind, but a change of life. It is a 180 degree turn around. The good news is that as we receive the Holy Spirit, he empowers us to live for Christ! As CT Studd said, “Only one life will soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last.” Who will you live for today?	Lord, thank you for forgiving my sins; I turn from my wicked ways. Fill me with your Holy Spirit afresh today. In Jesus name, Amen
3	They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common.	Acts 2:42-44	They had real community in Acts chapter 2! The Greek word is “ <i>koinonia</i> ”, and it means, “intimate spiritual communion and participative sharing in a common religious commitment and spiritual community, the disciples with each other and with their Lord.” Oh how we need this in our churches today! How can you build community today?	Lord, help me build connections with my brothers and sisters in the Lord. Help me love others with your love. In Jesus name, Amen.

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4	<p>Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.</p>	Acts 3:6-8	<p>Every chance we have we should stop for the one. Stop and talk, share, pray and love the ones we could so easily pass by. This man’s life was transformed, and he was a powerful witness to many! Never underestimate what God can do in you and through you. Keep your spiritual eyes open today, and maybe you’ll see God change someone’s life through a simple act of love?</p> <p>Will you be ready, willing and able to stop for the one today?</p>	<p>Lord, here are my hands, use me. Here is my voice, use me. Here is my heart, use me. Give me boldness and lead me by your Holy Spirit I pray, in Jesus name. Amen</p>
5	<p>All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.</p>	Acts 4:32-35	<p>The Church is a living organism. One body, with many parts. We need to care for one another. Not just the ones who are in the same social status, who look like us. We need to associate with those who are younger, older, with a different nationality, and with a different kind of family. Let’s keep our eyes open for those who are needy among us. Let’s share, be generous, let’s offer them a hand-up, not just a hand out.</p> <p>Will you reach out to someone in need and be the hands and feet of Jesus today?</p>	<p>Lord, forgive me for just living for myself. Help me be more others focussed, more generous, more Christ-like. In Jesus name, Amen.</p>

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6	<p>Peter said to her, “How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.”</p> <p>At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.</p>	Acts 5:9-11	<p>What a wake-up call to the church! We need to be honest and full of integrity in all of our dealings. I heard a preacher once say, “Often the last thing to get born-again is our wallet!” Whilst Acts has lots of wonderful miracles and church growth, there are also some very shocking events. This is an example of God bringing judgement where it’s needed. Even though God is a God of love and grace, we need to learn the lessons from this passage. We must have a healthy fear of God.</p> <p>Will you honour the Lord with your wealth regardless of the circumstances?</p>	<p>Lord, may I honour you in the good times and the bad. I trust in you, Jehovah Jireh, my provider. In Jesus name. Amen.</p>
7	<p>“Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”</p>	Acts 6:3-4	<p>The church was getting so busy with activity, and the apostles suffered from “mission drift.” They had to get back to the basics that God had called them too. Prayer and the ministry of the Word are so foundational to what we do.</p> <p>Are there areas in my life I need to reorganise, so I can spend more time in prayer & the word?</p>	<p>Lord, I draw near to you afresh today. Help me de-clutter my life, and fix my eyes on you and your word. In Jesus name, Amen.</p>
8	<p>But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”</p>	Acts 7:55-56	<p>God is on the throne. No matter what circumstances we are facing, God is on the throne. Stephen was being stoned to death, his circumstances were hellish, yet he looked to heaven. Don’t look to the problems, look to the Saviour.</p> <p>God is on the throne, so how will you live differently today?</p>	<p>Lord, I lift my eyes up to the hills, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. In Jesus name, Amen.</p>

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9	Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."	Acts 8:20-23	Simon the sorcerer received this harsh rebuke from Peter. His heart was in the wrong place. Some in this generation have the same heart as Simon. They want the power of God, but they have no intimate relationship with Jesus. The secret place of prayer with Jesus is where ministry needs to be birthed. Otherwise it can be just a show. Does my ministry flow out of the secret place with Jesus?	Lord, may the words of my mouth and the mediations of my heart be pleasing in your sight. In Jesus name, Amen.
10	Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.	Acts 8:38-40	What a cheap way to do mission! We see these amazing miracles taking place in Acts, Phillip was truly led by the Spirit of God. It may seem like a coincidence that he was in the right place at the right time, but I call it a God-incidence. He was a vessel for God and he beared much fruit. Are you being led by the Spirit of God today?	Lord, speak to me and through me today, fill me afresh with your Holy Spirit I pray in Jesus name, Amen.
11	He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."	Acts 9:4-6	God is a sovereign God. He can knock someone off their horse and call them into ministry whenever he wants. God is appearing to many people in dreams and visions all over the world to this day. We must never underestimate God's power. However big we think God is, he's probably bigger! Have faith in a mighty God today, He is with us! Will you walk by faith today?	Lord, may I walk in faith and not by sight today. Open my eyes to your majesty and power. In Jesus name, Amen.

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12	<p>Cornelius stared at him in fear. “What is it, Lord?” he asked.</p> <p>The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God.”</p>	Acts 10:4	<p>What an amazing encounter with an angel! Isn't it great to know God sees our prayers and gifts to the poor? We ought not ever to do these to be noticed by men, but to live for an audience of One – God. God promises he will reward everything that's done in secret. He also tells us to never tire in doing good. We will reap a harvest in due time.</p> <p>Who can I bless today? How can I pray today?</p>	<p>Lord, I want to honour you as a person of prayer and a person of generosity. I know I can't be more generous than you. Use me today I pray in Jesus name, Amen.</p>
13	<p>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.</p>	Acts 10:38	<p>We know the enemy is at work in the world today. We see the war we are in daily. But God plus one person is a majority! We need to walk in the same authority and power that Jesus walked in.</p> <p>Let's be kingdom-bringers wherever we go today!</p> <p>Will you be ready to pray for whoever comes across your path today?</p>	<p>Lord use my hands, use my words, send me on your mission today, in Jesus name. Amen.</p>
14	<p>When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”</p>	Acts 11:18	<p>The Gospel is available to everyone. We need to realise that life is a mission trip. Wherever we go, whatever we do, we need to function in the spiritual gifts God has given us, and bear much fruit. When we preach the gospel, the gospel happens!</p> <p>Will you be ready to share the good news where you go today?</p>	<p>Lord, grant me boldness to proclaim your gospel wherever I go today in Jesus name. Amen.</p>