

GOING DEEPER IN THE SPIRIT

TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH AND THE WAY JESUS TRANSITIONED HIS POSITION OF POWER AND HIS EXECUTION OF IT

YES....ACTS IS THE BEAUTIFUL BIOGRAPHY OF **THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH BELIEVERS**

THIS IS LUKE TIEING THE GOSPELS TO THE REST OF THE NEW TESTAMENT **THEOPHILUS "ONE WHO LOVES GOD"**

LUKE WROTE THIS IN ABOUT AD 63 OR LATER
LUKE WAS A GENTILE PHYSICIAN AND MISSIONARY
COMPANION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE
ACTS CAN BE CUT IN 2 HALVES. FIRST HALF LUKE WRITES ABOUT THE MINISTRY OF PETER. SECOND HALF IS PAUL'S MINISTRY.....BUT!!! NO ONE IS MENTIONED MORE THAN THE HOLY SPIRIT. HE IS MENTIONED 55 TIMES IN ACTS

THUS WE COULD CALL THIS BOOK " THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH BELIEVERS"

Acts 1:1-3 New International Version (NIV)

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach **2** until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. **3** After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

EXPAND

HERE JESUS GIVES CLEAR DIRECTION TO HIS DISCIPLES

Acts 1:4-5 New International Version (NIV)

⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with^[a] water, but in a few days you will be baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit.”

JESUS SAID DO NOT LEAVE BUT WAIT....WHY?

BECAUSE THEIR STRENGTH, COURAGE, AND WISDOM WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH. THEIR GOOD INTENTIONS WEREN'T GOING TO GET THE JOB DONE AND JESUS KNEW IT THE CHURCH WOULD NEED TO EXPLODE WITH POWER NO ONE UNDERSTANDS THE THINGS OF GOD BUT THE SPIRIT OF GOD. JESUS NEW OUR OWN SOLID CONNECTION WITH HIM AT ALL TIMES WOULD BE NESSECERY

REMEMBER PETER DENYING JESUS 3 TIMES?
THE DISCIPLES WERE TRIPPIN' WHEN JESUS DIED
WHEN HE ROSE AGAIN IT GAVE THEM ENCOURAGEMENT I'M SURE.....BUT NOT ENOUGH TO STAND THE TEST OF TIME

THERE IS NO WAY A PERSON CAN FOLOW JESUS IN THEIR OWN STRENGTH

Acts 2 New International Version (NIV)

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

THIS IS WHERE IT GETS EXCITING !!
NOW THEY WERE READY TO WALK IT OUT !!

THIS IS WHERE I WANT TO SHOW YOU HOW POWERFUL GOD CAN AND WILL USE HIS PEOPLE TO FULLFILL HIS PURPOSE

FIRST PETER STOOD UP AND SAID “FELLOW ISREALITES!!!”
EVEN THOUGH THE VERY ONES WHO KILLED JESUS WERE IN
THE AUDIENCE

THIS IS PROOF THE JESUS THAT YOU CRUCIFIED HAS RISEN
FROM THE GRAVE AND SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE
FATHER...HE HAS SENT HIS HOLY SPIRIT...NO ONE IS DRUNK
GOD SAID HE WOULD POOR OUT HIS SPIRIT ON SONS AND
DAUGHTERS REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED!!

MANY WERE ADDED TO THE CHURCH THAT DAY 3,000

THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

NOW I WANT YOU TO PUT YOURSELF ON THE ROAD WITH
PETER AND JOHN....BECAUSE....WE ARE THE CHURCH OF
ACTS TODAY

Acts 3 New International Version (NIV)

3 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon.

2 Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. **4** Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” **5** So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

6 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.” **7** Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. **8** He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

PETER AND JOHN HAD WALKED THIS PATH DAILY TO THE
TEMPLE.....IM SURE THEY HAD SEEN THE MAN

BEFORE....MAYBE THEY THREW HIM SOME COINS, MAYBE
THEY DIDN'T...SOMETHING WAS DIFFERENT TODAY AS THEY
WALKED TO THE TEMPLE... PETER AND JOHN WERE LIVING
WITH INTENTION NOW

PETER CONNECTED WITH HIM FIRST

Acts 3:4-6 New International Version (NIV)

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“Look at us!” ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to
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have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”

WHEN PETER SAYS “LOOK AT US” HE IS SHOWING THIS MAN
THE TWO MIRACLES THAT STAND BEFORE HIM
TWO BROKEN MEN WITH SO MANY DEFECTS OF CHARACTER
HAD BEEN RADICALLY TOUCHED AND FILLED BY JESUS WITH
HIS HOLY SPIRIT

PETER SAYS, “ I WON'T GIVE YOU THE SAME THING THE
WORLD GIVES YOU”JUST ENOUGH TO GET BY IF YOUR
LUCKY

NO, I WILL GIVE YOU FREEDOM...I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW
LIFE

I WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE ONE WHO FORGIVES YOUR
SINS AND HEALS YOUR MIND BODY AND SOUL

Acts 3:7-8 New International Version (NIV)

⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

PETER DIDN'T SAY...."I'LL BE SURE AND PRAY FOR YOU BROTHER" NO... HE GOT INTO ACTION AND REACHED OUT HIS HAND.." IN THE NAME OF JESUS GET UP AND WALK" LET ME SHOW YOU HOW

HE HAD NEW LEGS...HE WALKED FUNNY AT FIRST...BUT I BET HE GOT REAL GOOD AT WALKING HIS NEW WALK WITH HIS NEW LEGS AND HIS NEW LIFE

NOW THIS GUY NEEDED TO GET A JOB....I'M SURE A RELATIONSHIP IS NOW POSSIBLE WITH A WOMAN...HOW DOES HE DO THAT?

LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS GUY....WHY? BECAUSE WE ARE THE LAME MAN AS WELL AS DISCIPLES

HE WAS AT THE FRONT OF THAT TEMPLE EVERYDAY THERE IS LIKE 7 SCRIPTURES OF JESUS TEACHING AND HEALING PEOPLE AT THAT TEMPLE. THIS GUY WAS THERE WATCHING AND LISTINING. PROBABLY THINKING...."THAT'S GOOD FOR THEM" I DON'T DESERVE IT.... OR "IT WON'T WORK FOR ME"

GIVE EXAMPLES OF SETTLING WITH BEING LAME IN AREAS OF RELATIONSHIPS, SELF CARE, SELF TALK

HE NEW THERE WAS SOMETHING BECAUSE HE REACHED
OUT HIS HAND TO PETER...WHY DID HE ASK FOR COINS
WHEN HE COULD HAVE SO MUCH MORE?

STOP ASKING FOR COINS WHEN YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL !!!
LIFE....TO THE FULL!!!

Acts 3:8 New International Version (NIV)

⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with
them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising
God.

YOU EVER WONDER WHY SPIRIT FILLED CHRISTIANS ARE SO
HAPPY? IT'S BECAUSE WE WERE SO JACKED UP...SO
PARALYZED...SO COMPLETELY LAME ASKING FOR
COINS.....THEN WE BELIEVED JESUS WHEN HE SAID "I WILL
HEAL YOU" AND "YOU WILL DO THE SAME WORKS AS I AND
GREATER"

LISTEN...IF JESUS SAID WE WILL DO THE SAME WORKS BUT
GREATER..... WHAT THE HECK ARE WE DOING?

WE NEED TO THINK BIGGER

EVEN AS HIS FAITHFUL CHURCH....WE LAY BEGGING FOR
COINS WHEN GOD HIMSELF REACHES OUT HIS ARM AND
SAYS"GET UP AND WALK MY CHILD...YOUR SINS ARE
FORGIVEN....NOW GO SHOW THOSE JUST LIKE YOU HOW TO
WALK WITH NEW LEGS

⁹ When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

PEOPLE WILL GET SAVED BECAUSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY

WE CAN'T DO IT ON OUR OWN...JESUS MADE PROVISION FOR THAT...HIS NAME IS HOLY SPIRIT AND HE AND THE WORD ARE ONE

Ephesians 3:14-19 New International Version (NIV)

A Prayer for the Ephesians

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family^[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

WE NEED TO BE CONTINUOUSLY FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD.....THERE IN LIES THE POWER...THE BREAKTHROUGH...THE PEACE....THE JOY...THE FULLNESS OF A REAL LIFE LIVED INTENTIONALLY.....IN JESUS' NAME

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