

UNSTOPPABLE: Daring to Be the Church On Mission

Lesson Two • Acts 1:1-11

Mission Possible

A Contrast Between the Beginning of Acts and the End of Acts

At the end of Acts, Paul and the apostles are spreading the Gospel to the ends of the earth with **BOLDNESS**; but at the beginning of Acts, the apostles seem to be waiting in confusion and **FEAR** in Jerusalem.

He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance. Acts 28:30-31

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The Church is to **CONTINUE** the mission Jesus began, and that mission is **POSSIBLE** with the resources Jesus has given us.

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen. Acts 1:1-2

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1. The Mission Is Possible with a Solid FOUNDATION of the Resurrection!

He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. Acts 1:3

“Many Infallible Proofs” of the Resurrection:

- Jesus gave His disciples **VISUAL** proof of His resurrection.
- Jesus gave His disciples **VERBAL** proof of His resurrection.

2. The Mission Is Possible with a Sufficient POWER of the Holy Spirit!

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now...But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem; and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:4-5, 8

What the Holy Spirit Produces:

- The Holy Spirit produces **CONVICTION** in our witness of Christ.
- The Holy Spirit produces **COURAGE** in our witness of Christ.

3. The Mission Is Possible with a Sharp FOCUS on the Great Commission!

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:6-8

The Apostles’ Question and Jesus’ Answer:

Our focus is not about **WHEN** Jesus will return, but **WITNESSING** about Jesus to all peoples.

4. The Mission Is Possible with a Sure HOPE of the Second Coming!

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” Acts 1:9-11

The Angels’ Question and Answer:

Don’t just **STAND** there (or sit there)—there’s work to be done and Jesus is coming soon.