

## **UNSTOPPABLE: Daring to Be the Church On Mission**

*Lesson Three • Acts 1:12-14*

### **Unleashing God's Power**

#### **What Is the Greatest Need of Our Church Today?**

Our greatest need is the POWER of God unleashed on our church so that we may continue the mission Jesus began.

*Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before Him. 1Corinthians 1:26-29 NIV*

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### **1. Unleashing God's Power Requires Immediate OBEDIENCE!**

*Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. Acts 1:12*

#### **The Significance of the Disciple's Obedience:**

The disciples returned to JERUSALEM, not Galilee.

### **2. Unleashing God's Power Requires Spiritual UNITY!**

*And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty). Acts 1:13-15*

#### **Who Was United in the Upper Room?**

- The eleven APOSTLES were there.
  
- Mary and the other WOMEN were there.
  
- The BROTHERS of Jesus were there.
  
- The remaining DISCIPLES were there.

### **3. Unleashing God's Power Requires Concerted PRAYER!**

*These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication... Acts 1:14*

#### **Three Characteristics of Their Prayering:**

- Their praying was UNANIMOUS: "These all"
  
- Their praying was CONTINUOUS: "continued"
  
- Their praying was HARMONIOUS: "with one accord"

#### **Three Questions for Application**

Am I living in obedience to our Lord and His commands?

Am I united with our church to continue the mission Jesus began?

Am I committed to praying together with my church family?