

Acts: The Story Behind The Story



Poured Out On All People

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Something/Someone Better



"I am sending you what my Father **promised**. But stay in the city until you have been **clothed with power from on high**." Luke 29:49



"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for **the gift my Father promised**, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit...** 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



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"We need something with the mark of heaven upon it. Too much of our religious life is made up of programs and human ideas, talents and strategies. While these have value, they pitifully fail to meet the need of the hour. What is missing today is something from heaven itself, something from God the Holy Spirit that fills and floods our lives... Everything in the service may be doctrinally sound—but there's nothing from heaven that grips them."



*"There is absolutely nothing wrong with programs and ideas and talent and strategies – but there is something wrong when the church relies on man's programs and abilities to do what only the Spirit can do. Nothing but the Spirit can save souls or deliver hardened hearts or heal ruptured marriages or comfort the broken hearted or give boldness to the fearful or hope to the suffering or joy to the dying. Something from God the Holy Spirit, something from heaven that grips them. There is no substitute for the outpouring of the Spirit."
Jim Cymbala, Fresh Power"*



The Dream For The Church

We are the next chapters of the book of Acts



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‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

Acts 2



The Gift of Salvation



“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ 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.”⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

Acts 2:36-41

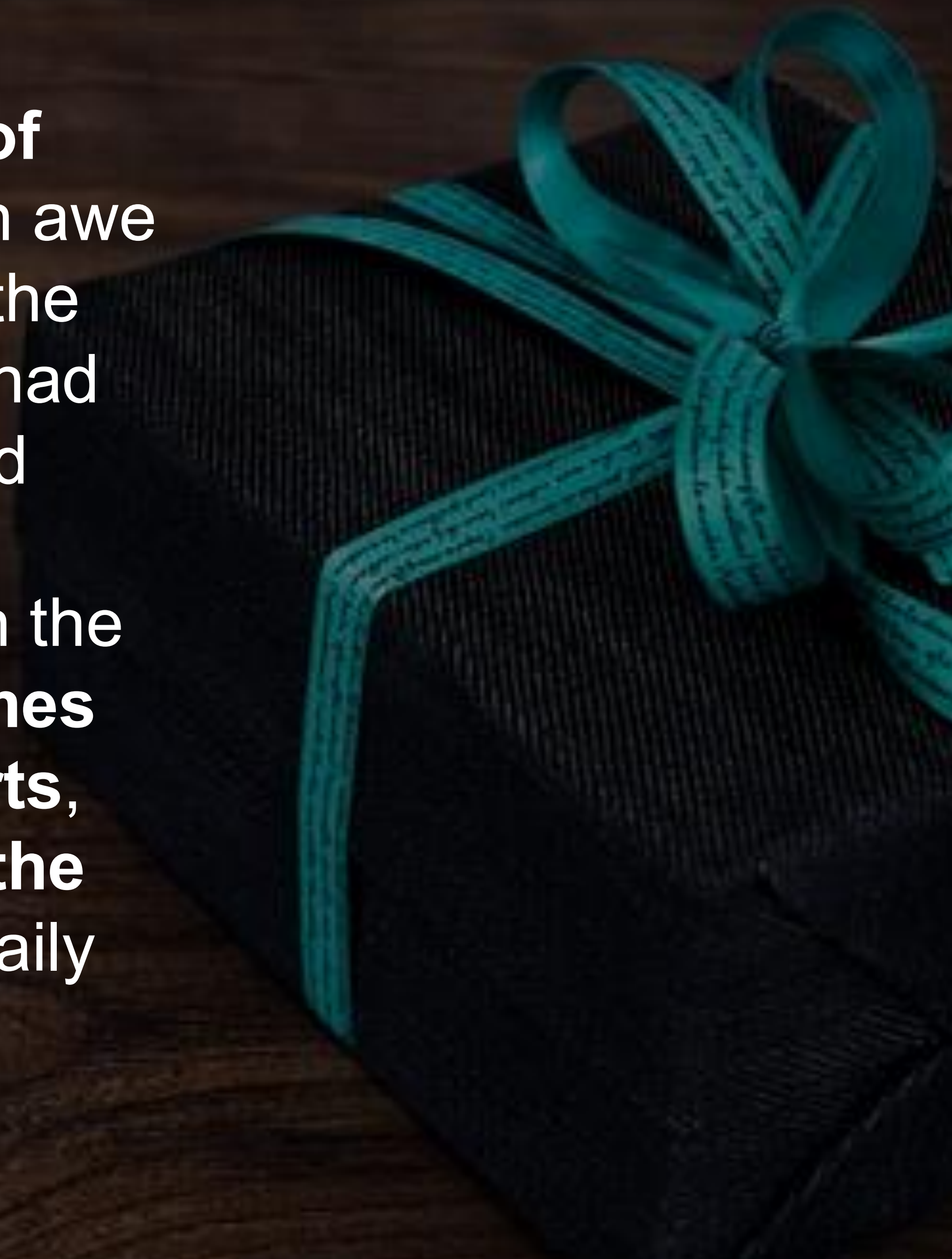


The Gift of Community



“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

Acts 2:42-47



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