

# ACTS

## THE MOVEMENT BEGINS

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### PART II: THE MESSAGE AND THE MESSENGER

**Acts 2:37–41 (NLT).** *Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God." Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.*

Four essential points of the Gospel message:

- **We are all sinners** – See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23
- **Jesus Christ is God's only provision for our sin** – Romans 5:8
- **The resurrection of Jesus provides eternal life for those who believe in Him** – See Romans 10:9
- **The free gift of salvation is for all** – See John 3:16–17; Romans 10:9

**Dallas Willard:** *A disciple is a person who has decided that the most important thing in his life is to learn to do what Jesus said to do. He is an apprentice, a student—a practitioner of the way... who not only professes certain points of view as his own but applies his growing understanding of life in the Kingdom of Heaven to every aspect of his life on this earth.*

**REMEMBER:** With each incremental step of obedience we take in our faith journey, we increasingly close the gap between who we are and who Jesus desires us to be.

**2 Corinthians 3:16–18 (NLT).** *But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.*

## OUR MESSAGE AS A WAY OF LIFE:

### 1. ABIDE IN HIS [WORD].

**Acts 2:42a (NLT).** *All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching...*

**John 15:7-8 (NLT).** *But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! 8 When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.*

### 2. LIVE IN [COMMUNITY].

**Acts 2:42b, 46 (NLT).** *All the believers devoted themselves... to fellowship, sharing meals together (including the Lord's Supper, 46 They worshipped together in the temple courts daily, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy...*

**John 13:35 (NLT).** *Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."*

### 3. [SERVE] OTHERS.

**Matthew 20:25-28 (NLT).** *But Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."*



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