

Acts of the Holy Spirit
“God of the Impossible” – Series

~ READ TEXT ~

AS YOU SETTLE IN...

- Turn to the book of (Acts 2:14-41) NLT

~ LET'S PRAY ~

NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled today's message: **“Proof of Power”**

~ INTRO ~

OK...

- As we resume our study of (Acts 2:14-41)...
 - I want to get right into it.

HERE'S WHAT OUR TEXT SAYS TODAY:

- Read (Acts 2:14-21) NLT

HERE'S THE BIG PICTURE:

LET'S CAPTURE THE MOVEMENT...

- With the faithfulness of God on display!
 - The very same faithfulness of God...
 - That's being worked out in your life today.

IDEA #1 – JOEL'S PROPHECY: (vv.15-21) NLT

PETER EXPLAINS THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT...

- By referencing the word of God.

HE STANDS UP...

- Being empowered by the Holy Spirit...
 - AND calls for the attention of the people around the temple courts.
- Then he expounds on the prophecy of (Joel).

A BOOK THAT SPEAKS ABOUT...

- Judgement AND the only way to escape it ...is thru repentance!
 - That's the book of (Joel) in a nutshell.

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SO TOO...

- ALL of Jerusalem was guilty of rejecting their Messiah...
 - And crucifying Him!

IN (v.16) THIS SECTION COMES FROM (Joel 2:28-32)....

- There's three-parts to this portion of the prophecy:
 - [Open to Joel in NKJV]

FIRST... (vv.16-18) = At the birth of the Church

- a) **Timeline** = “*the last days*” (v.17a)
 - Simply defined as the close of Jesus’ earthly ministry...
 - Until His 2nd coming at Armageddon.
 - Reference: (Rev. 16:16 & 19:11-19)
- b) **Power Supplied** = “*I will pour out My Spirit*” (v.17b)
 - Spiritual gifts given to advance the gospel...
 - And edify the body of believers.
 - *Prophecy / visions / dreams* = Revelation gifts...
 - God revealing His plan to man.

NEXT... (vv.19-20) = At the 2nd Coming of Christ

- c) **Signs Caused by God** = “*wonders in heaven & signs on earth*” (v.19)
 - This happens right before the return of Jesus to earth.
 - (Matt. 24:29-30) NKJV
 - (Zech. 14:4-5) NLT

FINALLY... (v.21) = (Joel 2:32) NKJV + (Rev. 7:3-4) NKJV + (Rev. 14:1) NKJV

- 144,000 Jews.

- d) **A Way of Escape** = “*whoever calls on the Lord shall be saved*” (v.21)
 - Help is available to those who will accept it.

IDEA #2 – DAVID’S PROCLAMATION: (vv.22-35) NLT

OK...

- In this section we see two of David’s Psalms...
 - At (vv.25-28) this is (Ps. 16:8-11)...

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- And then at (vv.34-35) this is (Ps. 110:1).

PETER WAS DRAWING OUT...

- How the Father publicly endorsed the Son (v.22)...
 - AND demonstrated it thru all the miracles Jesus performed.

WE ALSO SEE...

- Verbally... the Father’s support at Jesus’ baptism (Matt. 3:17) NKJV
 - AND again at the Transfiguration (Matt. 17:4-5) NLT

HOW MANY STRUGGLES...

- Do we encounter because we allow the world around us...
 - To water down our Father’ voice!?!
 - The word says: (Rom. 8:37-39) NLT

*We don’t need to try something new... (my discipline & effort)
Rather, we just take God at His word (faith in His word).*

DAVID...

- Was pointing forward to the Father’s promise!
 - And here in (Acts)... Peter was telling the crowds...
 - That they had missed God’s gift!
- They knew the OT scriptures in their head...
 - Yet their hearts were far from God!

CHURCH...

- If we’re not careful the same thing can happen to us.
 - Lots of head knowledge without a heart connected to Jesus.

IDEA #3 – PETER’S SERMON: (vv.36-41)

THIS IS THE FIRST MESSAGE...

- Preached by the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - And it focused on Jesus Christ as the Messiah (Savior).
- Peter gave them the gospel – *the good news*...

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- BUT... before it could be received, it had to produce conviction.¹
 - So he spoke hard truths that jolted them.

PETER PREACHED...

- An unpopular message because all of Jerusalem...
 - Had consented to the crucifixion of Christ (Luke 23:21) NLT

YET... IN (v.37) NKJV

- They were being “... *cut to the heart*...”
 - Lit. = To prick violently OR to stun.
 - As they were being called out on sin.

AS A CHURCH...

- God has revived us with fresh power...
 - But we need to be aware of the pitfalls.

(Gal. 5:19-21) NLT

Sexual sins = Adultery / porn / homosexual sex / before marriage sex

Superstitious sins = Burning candles to saints / crystals / dream catchers

Violent sins = Hatred / jealousy / outburst of anger / nursing a grudge

Manipulative sins = Dividing people / rebelling / spiteful / attitudes / ill will

Social sins = Consumption of any intoxicant that lowers inhibitions...

- That results in loud partying & being sexually expressive.

(Eph. 2:2-5) NLT

- Satan is working in the hearts that refuse to obey God.

HERE’S THE POINT...

- When the word of God is watered down...
 - People may respond to “*feelings*” of guilt...
 - And yet... NOT have a change of heart!

¹ The Book of Acts Commentary by Chuck Smith. The Apostles Doctrine Chapter 2 (p.42). Copyright 2013 The Word for Today.

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GOD IS LOOKING FOR *repentance* A CHANGE OF HEART...

- A change of outlook about Jesus' words.
 - (2 Cor. 7:10) NLT

(Jer. 2:26a) NLT

“Israel is like a thief who feels shame only when he gets caught.”

THE PROBLEM IS

- Knowing the word of God...
 - But living as though it does not matter.

~ IN CLOSING ~

(vv.38-41) NLT

IN CHRIST...

- God takes away all your sins & your new in Him.
 - AND the change happens as you follow Him.

WHO HERE NEEDS THIS TODAY?

*Call for those online to respond in the chat box.

~ LET'S PRAY ~