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Job 1 - Prayer

Acts 1:12-26

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To Theophilus

(God Lover)

**Receiving Holy Spirit's power
To be witnesses of Jesus
from here to over there.**

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**NFL pregame locker room
gone bad**

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Today – The Question:

**Are we actively devoted
to the great commission
that Jesus has given us
to be done here & over there?**

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1. What does it say?

- Authorial intent to intended audience

2. What does it mean?

- Timeless theological truth

3. What do we DO?

- Landing it in our lives

Context

- **Clear connection of Luke with Acts**
- **Acts 1:8 has a promise, a plan, & place**
- **They were to wait “not many days”**

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Acts 1:12-14

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What Acts 1:12-14 says

- **Who?** The 11, THE Women, family, a sum of 120
- **Where?** THE upper room (see Luke 22:12)
- **What were they doing? V 14**
 - One of Luke's major themes: Prayer
 - Devoted – tenaciously persisted
 - One accord – of one fire deep in the heart

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What Acts 1:12-14 says

- What were they doing? V 14

The Apostles were hungering & thirsting in prayer for the Holy Spirit of God to empower them to be His witnesses!

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1:15-26 Prayer to solve a need

Part 1 Identify need - Acts 1:15-20 says

○ Vs 15-17 – a history

- The Question of Judas – betrayal & confusion
- Praying to be witnesses – going out 2x2
- Peter Points out 3 facts –
 1. Scripture had to be fulfilled – God's plan
 2. Holy Spirit spoke beforehand - Inspired
 3. Judas was one of them & shared ministry

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Part 1 Identify need - Acts 1:15-20 says

- **Vs 15-17 – a history**
- **Vs 18-19 – a parenthetical of Judas's fate:**
 - **explains Mt 27:5**
 - **& akeldema (field of blood)**

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Part 1 Identify need - Acts 1:15-20 says

- **Vs 15-17 – a history**
- **Vs 18-19 – a parenthetical of Judas's fate**
- **V 20 – a Scriptural link**
 - **Psalm 69:25**
 - **Psalm 109:8**
 - **Either Jesus taught or Holy Spirit guided**

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Part 2 Meeting the need - Acts 1:21-26 says

- **Vs 21-23 Sound reasoning**
- **Vs 24-25 Prayer**
- **V 26 the Mode of Choosing**
 - **The Lot: Pr 16:33 & 18:18**
 - **They could have picked – Acts 6:3,5; 15:36**
 - **Or Holy Spirit led – Acts 13:2-3**

Eternal truths

○ Trust

- God for that which is revealed
- God for that beyond our control
- God for decisions made on His Word, reason, Holy Spirit leading

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Eternal truths

○ Trust

○ Apostleship

○ Prayer

- The Sovereign God entrusted power of prayer
- **Prayer combines His sovereignty with our responsibility to bring about the will of God.**
- If prayers are the tendons that move the fingers of God to act in this world, the Spirit of God will move the tendons based upon His Word.

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Eternal truths

- Trust
- Apostleship
- Prayer
- A church that tenaciously persists with one passion to see the Holy Spirit will use them...
 - Will experience healing of hurts & betrayal
 - Will experience a oneness in Christ...
 - Will witness God doing beyond imagination

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What are we to *DO*?

1. Trust God with decisions by praying together
2. Exit Church believes that everybody is called
 - Not necessarily in the same role...
 - We can all PRAY, GIVE, SEND, & we are all GOING
3. Today's emphasis is that we can all be involved in "The Mission" by praying!

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TODAY

**Will you join us
to persist tenaciously
in prayer with one passion
for the Holy Spirit
to use us as His witnesses
here & over there?**

Pray for the Ones Sent

- **International workers with C&MA**
- **International workers with other groups**
- **The Persecuted in Africa & Asia**

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Pray for Exit Church

- **Exit Church Leaders**
- **For all of us to make disciples**
- **For all of us to send them out here and over there**

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Pray for

- **Family**
- **Friends**
- **Fellow workers/students**