

WHAT MADE THE ACTS 2 CHURCH IRRESISTABLE

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1. THEY **prayed** for God's **power**.

"They continually <u>met together **to pray**</u> as a <u>group with **one purpose** in mind..." (Acts 1:14)</u>

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a noise <u>like a strong</u>, <u>blowing wind</u> came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw <u>something like flames of fire</u> that were separated and stood <u>over each person</u> there. They were all <u>filled with the Holy Spirit</u>, and they began to speak different languages <u>by the power the Holy Spirit was giving them</u>." (Acts 2:1-4 NCV)

2. THEY USED EVERYONE'S **LANGUAGE**.

"...<u>THEY ALL</u> began to speak <u>different languages</u> as the Spirit gave EACH OF THEM the power to <u>express themselves</u>." (Acts 2:4b NJB)

"There were religious Jews staying in Jerusalem who had come from EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. When they heard this noise, a <u>large crowd</u> gathered. They were ALL excited, because ALL of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, 'These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that <u>ALL</u> OF US hear them speaking in our own native languages'" (Acts 2:5-8 TEV)

"...<u>ALL OF US</u> hear them speaking in our <u>own languages</u> about the great things that God has done!" (Acts 2:11 TEV)

3. THEY USED EVERYONE'S **TALENTS**.

"Then Peter stood up and said... 'These people are not drunk, as you suppose; it is only nine o'clock in the morning! God says, 'I <u>will pour out my Spirit ON EVERYONE</u>. Your <u>sons</u> and <u>daughters</u> will <u>proclaim my message</u>; your <u>young</u> men will see visions, and your <u>old</u> men will have dreams. Yes, even on my servants, both <u>men</u> and <u>women</u>, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will <u>ALL proclaim my message</u>.... Then, <u>EVERYONE</u> who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" (Acts 2:14-18, 21)

4. THEY OFFERED LIFE-CHANGING TRUTH.

"Peter addressed the crowd: '... <u>let me explain this</u> to you ... <u>This is that</u> which was spoken by the prophet Joel... I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below... And EVERYONE who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" (Acts 2:14, 16, 19, 21)

5. THEY PROVIDED **LOVING SUPPORT**.

"...they met in small groups <u>IN HOMES</u> for communion, and shared meals <u>with great joy and thankfulness</u>." (Acts 2:46 LB)

RESULT: IT CREATED GOWTH!

"Those who accepted his message <u>were baptized</u>, and about three thousand were <u>added to their number</u> that day!" (Acts 2:40-41)

"People <u>liked what they saw.</u> So <u>every day their number grew</u> as God added those who were saved." (Acts 2:47 MSG)

"You'll receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and then <u>you will be</u> <u>my WITNESSES</u> in Jerusalem AND in Judea AND in Samaria, AND to the ends of the earth!" (Acts 1:8)