

Shift 2: Shifting Things Through Prayer

Rediscover Church – Rediscover How Good Church Can Be

I. Shifting Things Through Prayer

Prayer unites, prepares atmospheres, shifts rooms, releases fire, and empowers believers.

A. Prayer Unites the People of God

Acts 1:14 – They were constantly united in prayer.

- Prayer brings unity to the church and family.

B. Prayer Prepares the Atmosphere

Acts 2:1–2 – A sound from heaven filled the room.

- A praying church hears from heaven and shifts the environment.

C. Prayer Shifts the Room

- Stored-up prayer leads to breakthrough.
- Prayer shifts marriages, cities, and nations.

D. Prayer Releases the Fire of God

Acts 2:3 – Tongues of fire settled on each person.

Psalms 18:28-29 – You light a lamp for me... With my God I can scale any wall.

E. Prayer Empowers Believers

Acts 2:4-6 – They were filled and the crowd came running.

- Overflow attracts the world.
- Prayer precedes Pentecost.

II. Prayer Precedes Every Major Shift in Acts

Each breakthrough in Acts was preceded by prayer:

- Acts 2:42–47 – Devotion to prayer led to signs, wonders, and growth.
- Acts 3:1–10 – Hour of prayer led to healing and mass salvation.
- Acts 4:24–31 – United prayer shook the place and brought boldness.
- Acts 6:6–7 – Prayer over leaders led to multiplied disciples.
- Acts 9:11–17 – Paul was praying and received vision and filling.
- Acts 10 – Cornelius and Peter both praying led to Gentile salvation.
- Acts 12:5–17 – Church prayed; Peter freed from prison.

- Acts 13:2–3 – Prayer and fasting led to global missions.
- Acts 16:25–34 – Midnight prayer loosed chains and birthed a church.

III. Prayer as a Lifestyle

Early church prayed at 9am, 12pm, and 3pm.

- 9am – Acts 2:15 – Pentecost
- 12pm – Acts 10:9 – Peter's rooftop vision
- 3pm – Acts 3:1 – Healing of lame man

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 – Pray without ceasing.

IV. The Secret Place: Where Transformation Happens

Psalm 91:1 – He that dwells in the secret place...

- Closer proximity leads to transformation.
- The Holy Spirit works in, out, and through us.

Conclusion & Application

- What does the Holy Spirit want to work in you?
- What does He want to work out of you?
- What does He want to work through you?

James 5:16 (AMPC) – The earnest prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available.