



# The Book of Acts:

## *Holy Spirit Adventures*

Passages: Acts 4: 1-31

**The Book of Acts - A call to see the Spirit move again and again in every generation**

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### Introduction

The last two weeks we have been encouraged to speak more about Jesus. Have you been praying about that? Any developments?

Enjoy the Table Talk video with Pastor Angela [here](#).

### Unpacking the Sermon

#### **1. Matthew 28:18-20 – “Go and make disciples...”**

This is our commission from Jesus. How should it impact us? How does Christ’s assurance of being with us help us to speak about him?

#### **2. John 20:19 – they “were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews...”**

When Jesus was crucified, the disciples were at first afraid. Yet after Pentecost, they were bold. When Peter faced the Sanhedrin we read, “Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them... (Acts 4:8) The Holy Spirit in them made the difference.

Do you think fear is a real issue for us? 1 Tim. 1:7(ESV) says “for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” How does that show us how the Spirit can help us?

#### **3. Acts 4:24 – “they raised their voices together in prayer to God...”**

The disciples didn’t call a strategy meeting or stew in their fear. They turned to God in prayer! And their prayer was strengthened as they quoted part of Psalm 2.

Discuss Philippians 4:6 and 2 Corinthians 1:19-21. How do our effort in prayer and God’s promises fit together?

#### **4. John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world...”**

It was out of love that God sent his son to bring us salvation. Colossians 1:5 speaks of “the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you.” 1 Cor. 13 beautifully describes the power of love. Discuss how we can be motivated by these principles.

## **Application Focus:**

How do we each need to grow in telling others about Jesus?

Do you agree that you have a duty to speak about Jesus?

Is fear an issue for you? How can you grow in trusting the Spirit in your circumstances?

Is your prayer life strong? Would it help you to pray with your group more or to search out more bible promises?

Are you stirred by God's love for the world? Is it your desire to show his love more?

The 3 Circles can help you tell others about Jesus. The video from the sermon is [here](#). Try watching [this video](#) to learn more.

## **Prayer:**

Dear Father in Heaven, thank you for your love for our world. Thank you too that we can show others your love. We confess our fear of speaking out for you. Help us to be prepared, motivated, and especially empowered by your Spirit! Help us to effectively to tell others about Jesus and his love. Help us to be full of courage and boldness for you, Jesus our Lord! Amen.

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