

#### The Book of Acts:

## **Holy Spirit Adventures**

Passages: Acts 4: 32-5:11

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

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#### Introduction

What is something you have learned or been impacted by so far in this series, about the Holy Spirit or the importance of Him in our lives? Speak about how the Holy Spirit has led you or convicted you this past week?

Enjoy the Table Talk video with Pastor Jon <u>here.</u>

### Acts 4:24-30; Matthew 6:9-13 - Example Prayers

Compare the prayer prayed by the early church members to the Lord's Prayer. Discuss principles from the prayers that we can follow.

## **Unpacking the Sermon**

## 1. Acts 4:31-32 - The Holy Spirit

These verses tell what happened when the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. Worldly possessions did not matter and they shared everything. More importantly, they were one in mind and heart.

Discuss how significant this is and how the church today would be more impactful if we all aligned in Christ like this through the Holy Spirit. What are the hurdles that divide the church? What obstacles do you face personally that challenge living a Holy Spirit filled life?

## 2. Acts 4:33 - Giving and Social Justice

Giving and social justice are essential for believers and yet this verse emphasizes the importance of the accompaniment of sharing the gospel. Discuss how all 3 work together to bring God glory.

#### 3. Acts 4:36-5:1-11 – Barnabas, Ananias and Sapphira

In Acts 5 we learn about this couple who are in contrast to what is happening in Acts 4 (radical generosity). We see instead self-righteousness and hiddenness at work. Why is it helpful to see these two examples contrasted? Take a look at 1 Samuel 16:7 to see why we cannot deceive God. What are the consequences of this and how should we apply these principles/understandings in our own lives?

## 4. Spiritual Warfare

Pastor Jon talks about the Spiritual battle that takes place even in believers. How do we combat this and what are practical steps to avoid giving Satan a foothold in our lives? Read Ephesians 4:26-27 for one practical way to avoid this.

## **Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, we submit fully to your ways and your Name and power. Please show us and convict us this week of any doors that we may have knowingly or unknowingly opened and given the enemy a foothold. Fill us Lord Jesus with the Holy Spirit so that we may go forth and speak boldly the gospel to all that come across our path. May we give up all our worldly desires and attachments to follow you and become fully dependent upon you. May your Holy Spirit give us your gifts to show others you are the one true God and to give you all the glory. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may bear fruit and walk in your blessings. For Yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever.

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