



The Book of Acts:

Holy Spirit Adventures

Passage: Acts 13/14

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

Introduction

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

In today's sermon there was a lot of talk about the Holy Spirit. Discuss what you think the Holy Spirit's role is for Christians and what the gifts and fruits are.

Unpacking the Sermon

1. Acts 13:11 "Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind,..."

In Acts 13:11, we see the Holy Spirit blind Bar-Jesus as an intervention but also as a gracious warning to turn from his ways. This is similar and also different from what happened with Saul when he was converted. Discuss these incidents. Have you received similar warnings or known those who did?

2. Acts 13:12 "When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord."

This verse shows us the power and truth of the Holy Spirit. It's the Spirit's work that changes hearts and proves Himself to people. What is our role as Christians? Examples are shown through Paul and Barnabas in this chapter. Why is it important to acknowledge God as the sovereign movement behind all that is good?

3. Acts 14:9,10a "Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed and called out, "Stand up on your feet!""

The Holy Spirit through Paul is performing the same miracles that Jesus and the other apostles had done but now for the Gentiles. This is a biblical model for us as Christ followers. Do you believe the Holy Spirit can do miracles in our day as we have faith and according to our gifts? Read Matthew 17:20-21 & John 14:12

4. Acts 14:15,18 "Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. ...they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them."

Paul and Barnabas display an important understanding while doing the work of

God. Read Proverbs 3:5-6 "in all your ways acknowledge Him". All glory and praise belong to God as he is the one who moves and makes it happen. Think about the successes God has given you throughout your life. How now should we respond to people praising us for our accomplishments? Does this roll over into all areas of your life, such as work, recreation, academics, etc.?

APPLICATION

Desire the Gifts: Pastor Jon said, "...we need all of the Spirit's work... more Lord not less - that's what we should pray." 1 Corinthians 14:1 says "Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts". How can we encourage each other in asking God for more of his power, truth and love?

Keep a Gospel Focus: The gifts have to meet in the gospel of Jesus as described in Luke 10:20 and 1 Thess. 1:9,10. How can you talk more about being saved in regular conversation as well as when you share the faith?

Learn from Bar-Jesus: We can resist Jesus in our hearts and minds and also try to sway others. God gives us the opportunity to repent! How can you support each other in renouncing dark thoughts and tendencies?

CLOSING PRAYER

Thank you Jesus for the examples in Acts of your overcoming power leading people to believe! Please stir us up to desire the work of your Spirit in and through us more and more! May the joy of our experience of you be ever founded on the truth of your deliverance. Help us to turn from our dark thoughts and tendencies and forgive us. May the story of Acts 13 and 14 come to life in our times. Restore our faith and work this out in a new way! Amen

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