

# PIONEERS



ACTS 1: 1-11



**NO I WON'T!**

not if I have to do that.

**I'M OUT,**

I'm just not ready yet.

**I'LL PASS...**

There's just too much to lose.

**WHATEVER**

I SACRIFICE MY COMFORTS

**WHENVER**

I SACRIFICE MY PLANS

**HOWEVER**

I SACRIFICE MY WAYS



**YES I WILL!**

Whatever it takes.

**I'M IN,**

I've counted the cost.

**I'LL GO...**

There's just too much to gain.

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# ACTS

ONE OF A KIND

- **A RECORD** of the transition from Judaism to Christianity
- **A CANVAS** of background to Paul's NT epistles
- **A LIBRARY** of the growth and practices of the early church
- **A TOUR** of the captivating accounts of the apostle's epic faith
- **A SEQUEL** to the history set forth in the gospels

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In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt  
with all that **Jesus began to do and teach,**

Until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the **APOSTLES** whom he had chosen.

<sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many *proofs*, appearing to them during **40 days** and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for **the promise** of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me;



<sup>5</sup> for John **baptized** with water, but you will be **baptized** with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”



# 40 DAYS

"GOD HAS TO PREPARE YOU BEFORE HE CAN LAUNCH YOU."

PIONEER PRINCIPLE



# 20X FACTOR

"EVERYONE IS CAPABLE OF ACCOMPLISHING 20X WHAT THEY THINK THEY CAN."

MARK DIVINE, NAVY SEAL





# 12 APOSTLES

"SENT ONES"

- PETER
- JAMES
- JOHN
- ANDREW
- PHILIP
- BARTHOLOMEW
- MATTHEW
- THOMAS
- JAMES
- THADDAEUS
- SIMON
- JUDAS

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# PETER

**"The Influential Leader"**

**MAN OF RESOLUTION**

"If all forsake you I never will"

**MAN OF DECISIVENESS**

"Who do you say I am? You are the Christ!"

**MAN OF INFLUENCE**

"I'm going fishing!"



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# JAMES

**"One Passionate Dude"**

## MAN OF **PASSION**

One of the "Sons of Thunder"

## MAN OF **CONFIDENCE**

"You don't know what you are asking, can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" WE CAN!

## MAN OF **EMOTION**

"Do you want us to call down fire from heaven and destroy them?" Luke 9:51-56



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JOHN

"Man of Conviction"

MAN OF **SAY IT LIKE IT IS**

"If you say you do not sin, you are a liar"

MAN OF **BLACK & WHITE**

"We either love him or we hate him."

MAN OF **GRACE & TRUTH**

Wrote with a warm grace filled approach.



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# ANDREW

**"A Man's Man"**

**MAN OF BEHIND THE SCENES**

"Andrew, Peter's brother"

**MAN OF SOLUTIONS**

Spotted the boy with the two fishes.

**MAN OF AWARENESS**

Consistently brought others to Jesus (John 12:20-22)







# PHILIP

**"The Details Guy"**

## MAN OF **ADMINISTRATION**

Jesus asked Philip, "where shall we buy bread?"

## MAN OF **THE DETAILS**

"Two hundred denarii worth of bread..."

## MAN OF **LOGISTICS**

"Is not sufficient for them that every one of them may have a little." John 6:5-7





# NATHANAEL

**"The Scholar"**

## MAN OF **EDUCATION**

"Nazareth, can anything good come from there?" John 1:43-50

## MAN OF **DISCIPLINE**

"I saw while under the fig tree."

## MAN OF **INTEGRITY**

"An Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit." John 1:43-50



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# MATTHEW

**"The Recovering Rebel"**

## MAN OF **A DARK PAST**

A hated tax collector

## MAN OF **DEEP WOUNDS**

Outcast, a slime to the Jew

## MAN OF **EVANGELISM**

Quoted OT 99 times in an effort to appeal his Jewish audience to follow Jesus.



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# THOMAS

**"The Faithful Follower"**

## MAN OF **LOYALTY**

Jerusalem? "Let's go die with him."

## MAN OF **DEVOTION**

"If your going, how will we know the way?"

## MAN OF **WORSHIP**

"My Lord and my God."



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**JAMES**

SON OF ALPHEUS

**"The Quiet Guy"**

**MAN OF OBSCURITY**

Nothing mentioned of him but his name.



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# THADDEUS

"The Energy Guy"

## MAN OF EXUBERANCE

"Why not reveal yourself in power?"

## MAN OF QUESTIONS

"Why are you only going to reveal yourself to us and not the world?" John 14: 22

## MAN OF IDEALISM

It seems he wished everyone would see in Jesus what he saw in Jesus.





# SIMON

**"An Activist"**

## MAN OF **POLITICS**

Zeal for Jewish Independence.

## MAN OF **INDEPENDENCE**

Zeal to insight rebellion against Rome and despise those who did not.

## MAN OF **COACHABILITY**

Followed Jesus into a worldview that did not include a kingdom of this world.



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# JUDAS

**"The Traitor"**







**PETER** Influential Leader

**JAMES** Passionate Dude

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**JAMES** Obscure One

**THADDAEUS** Energy Guy

**SIMON** An Activist

**JUDAS** Traitor

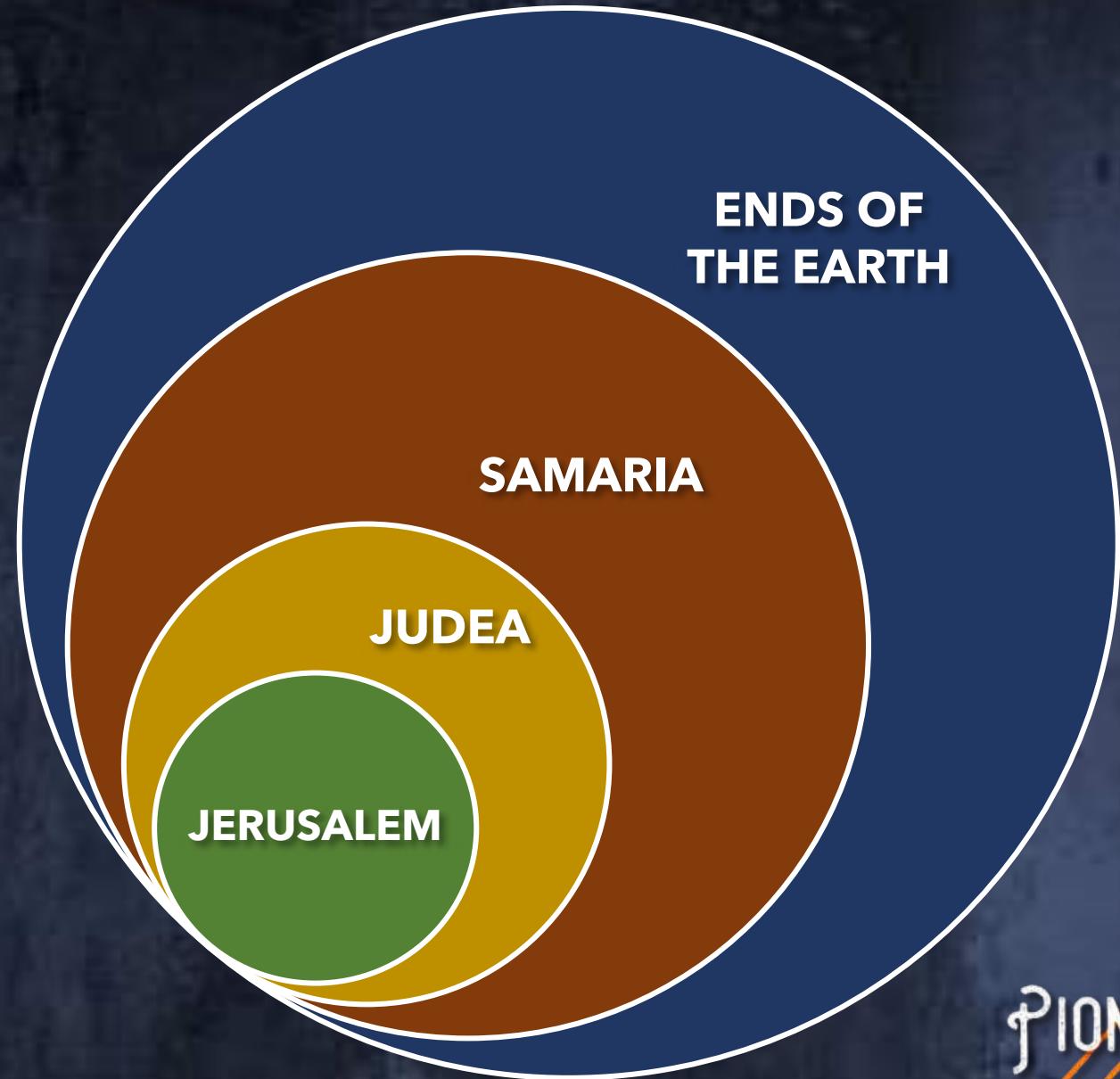
<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, **“Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”**

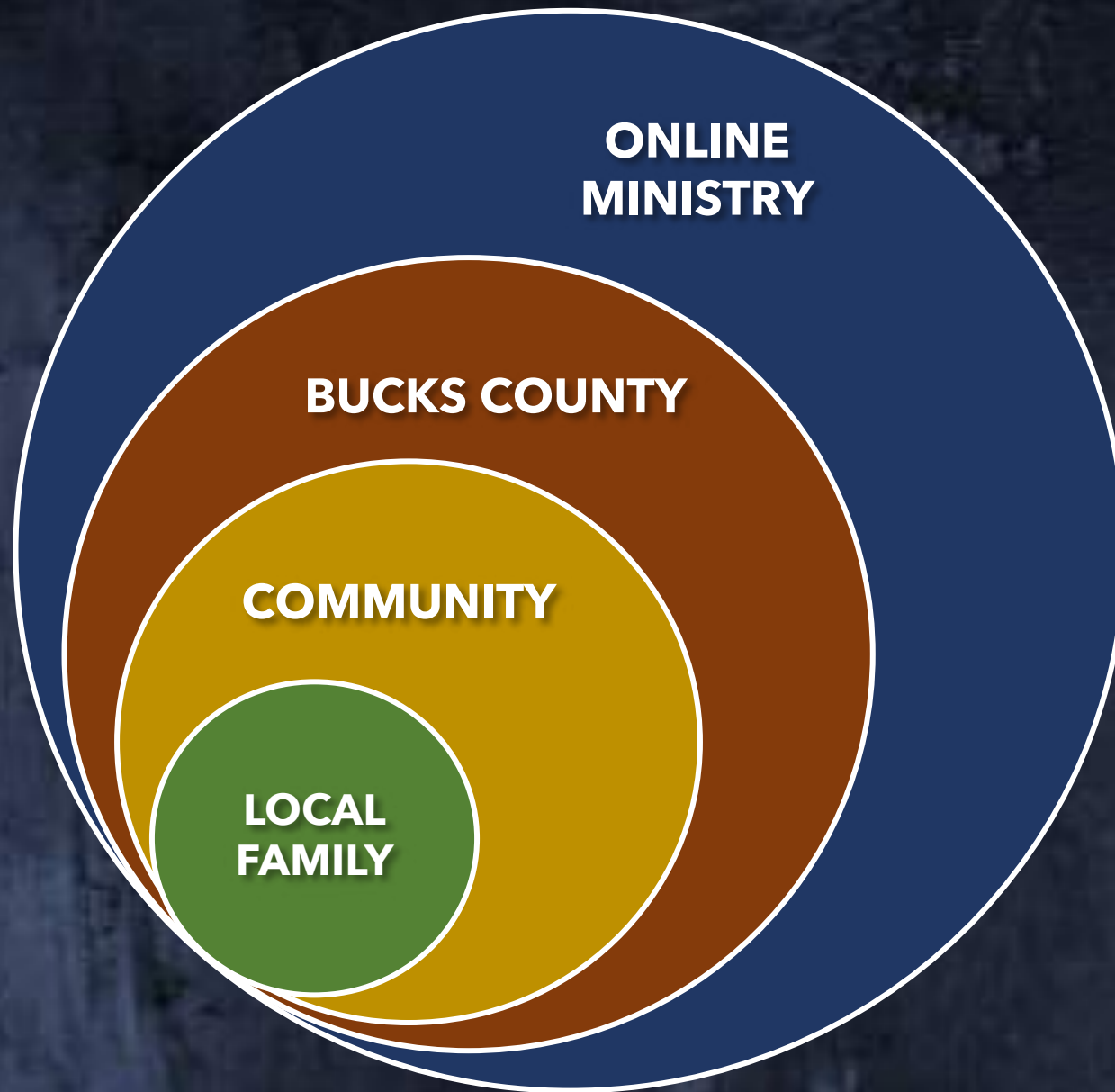
<sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has **fixed by his own authority.**"

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

“You will be my witnesses in **Jerusalem** and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to the **end of the earth.**”

Acts 1:8





<sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, **he was lifted up,** and a cloud took him out of their sight.

<sup>10</sup> And while they were **gazing** into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,



<sup>11</sup> and said, "Men of Galilee, **why do you stand looking into heaven?** This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."



# **GREAT** COMMISSION

"THE CALL OF THE PIONEER"

"I WANT YOU TO"

MATTHEW 28:16-20

6 ACTS OF FAITH THAT  
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*All authority has been given to me...*

**GO** many places

*Go therefore...*

**BUILD** up my followers

*Make disciples...*

**SHARE** confessions publicly

*Baptizing them...*

**DO** and teach His words

*Teaching them to observe all I have commanded*

**REMEMBER** I am with you

*I am with you always*

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# MY WITNESSES

"THE INDIVIDUAL CALL OF A PIONEER"

**PETER** Leverage your influence

**JAMES** Prioritize your passions

**JOHN** Teach your convictions

**ANDREW** Model servanthood

**PHILIP** Use that mind

**NATHANAEL** Correct Error

**MATTHEW** Love the Unlovable

**THOMAS** Affirm the disheartened

**JAMES** Encourage obscure ministry

**THADDAEUS** Tell them about it

**SIMON** Advocate with love

**JUDAS** Repent