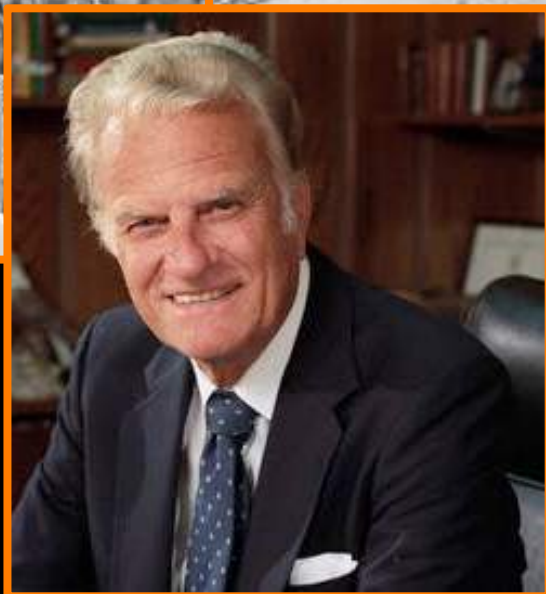


THE **ACTS** OF FAITH

PIONEERS

WHATEVER, WHENEVER, HOWEVER... I'M IN



WHATEVER

(I WILL SURRENDER MY COMFORTS)

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(I WILL SURRENDER MY WAYS)



MY WITNESSES

THE TWELVE APOSTLES

PETER Influential Leader

JAMES Passionate Fighter

JOHN Man of Conviction

ANDREW Servant Leader

PHILIP Detail Guy

BARTHOLOMEW The Scholar

MATTHEW Recovering Rebel

THOMAS Faithful Follower

JAMES Obscure One

THADDAEUS Hype Guy

SIMON An Activist

MATTHIAS The Replacement



"FACE TO FACE"

MATTHEW 16:21-24

"The Confrontation of Simon Peter"



"FACE TO FACE"

MATTHEW 16:21-24

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and **suffer many things** from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.



"FACE TO FACE"

MATTHEW 16:21-24

And Peter took him
aside and began to
rebuke him, saying,
"Far be it from you,
Lord! This shall never
happen to you."



"FACE TO FACE"

MATTHEW 16:21-24

But he turned and said to Peter, **"Get behind me, Satan!"** You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."



"FACE TO FACE"

MATTHEW 16:21-24

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, **let him deny himself** and take up his cross and follow me.



**"TO DENY ONESELF MEANS IN EVERY MOMENT OF
LIFE TO SAY NO TO SELF AND SAY YES TO GOD."**

WILLIAM BARCLAY



“ABOUT-FACE!”



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"PETER'S SERMON"

ACTS 2:14-36



YOU CRUCIFIED THE CHRIST!

ACTS 2:22-36

PIONEERS

Now when they heard this they were **cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

38 And Peter said to them, "**Repent and be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

“For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.”

And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them saying, **“Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”**

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about **three thousand souls**.



3,000 SOULS

"YOU DON'T HAVE A SOUL. YOU ARE A SOUL. YOU HAVE A BODY."

George MacDonald

And they DEVOTED themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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apostles' teaching

Preaching in Jesus name
and the fellowship,

One Another in Jesus name
to the breaking of bread

Gathering in Jesus name
and the prayers.

Prayer in Jesus name



ACTS 2: 42-47

And awe came upon every soul,
and many wonders and signs were
being done through the apostles.

ADORATION

ACTS 2: 42-47

And all who believed were together
and had all things in common.

UNITY

ACTS 2: 42-47

And they were selling their possessions
and belongings and distributing the
proceeds to all, as any had need.

GENEROSITY

ACTS 2: 42-47

And day by day, attending the temple together
and breaking bread in their homes,

COMMITMENT

ACTS 2: 42-47

They received their food with **glad and generous hearts, praising God** and having favor with all people.

GRATITUDE

ACTS 2: 42-47

And the Lord added to their number
day by day those who were being saved.

GROWTH
ACTS 2: 42-47



10 Characteristics of the First Church

Devoted to Preaching

Devoted themselves to the apostles preaching

Devoted to One Another

Devoted themselves to the fellowship.

Devoted to Gathering

Devoted themselves to breaking bread.

Devoted to Prayer

Devoted themselves to the prayers.

Sense of Adoration

And awe came upon every soul.

Unity of Mission

And they had all things in common.

Generosity toward Needs

And they were selling their possessions.

Daily Commitment

And day by day, attending the temple together.

Grateful Attitudes

Received their food with glad and generous hearts.

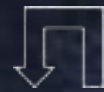
Blessing and Growth

And the Lord added to their number daily.



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5 desired results of
Christ like correction



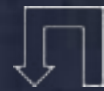
Attitude turns to Submission

And they were cut to the heart, "what shall we do?"



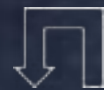
Focus turns to Jesus

Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.



Behavior turns to Obedience

And they devoted themselves.



Motive turns to Love

Giving to whoever was in need.



Response turns to Praise

And they were filled with awe.

ACTS OF FAITH



7 Massive Questions to Ask

BEFORE YOU CONFRONT

TO PROMOTE A POSITIVE OUTCOME

@PASTORCHRISHELLER



**“Good sense makes one
slow to anger, and it is his
glory to overlook an offense.”**

PROVERBS 19:11

The 24hr Rule

Have I given emotions time to settle?

The Black Drape

Can this be covered by mercy?

The Man in the Mirror

Do I have any unresolved issues myself?

The Elephant in the Room

Am I avoiding this in hopes it will go away?

The Other Shoes

How would I want to be treated if it were me?

The Nathan Approach

How can I avoid accusation through self-condemnation?

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“Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.”

1 PETER 4:8

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“If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.”

ROMANS 12:18

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“Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you...”

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10

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“Do unto others as you would
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LUKE 6:31

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“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness.”

GALATIANS 6:1

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“Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

GALATIANS 6:2

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Over the next 24hrs what do I desire to change?

The Black Drape

Where do I need to ask for grace and mercy?

The Man in the Mirror

Do I have any unresolved issues myself?

The Elephant in the Room

What am I hiding or avoiding in the hopes it will go away?

The Other Shoes

What is it like to live with me?

The Nathan Approach

What blind spot do I need someone's help with?

The Velvet Brick

Who could I ask to be my accountability rock?