







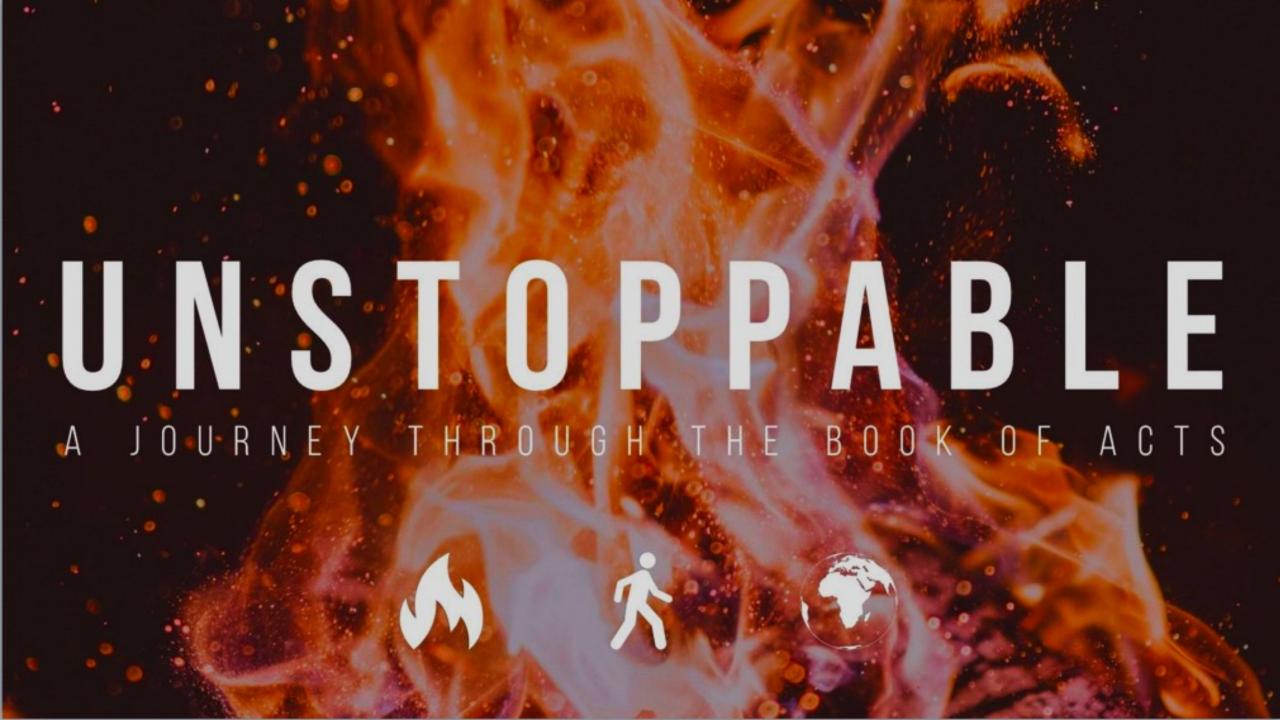


What it was like



What it felt like





[18] After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow. [19] And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. [20] When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined.

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Lesson #1

Good desires and open doors are still subject to God's timing.





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God may use us in subtle but significant ways to equip and encourage others for powerful ministry.

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[1] And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. [2] And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." [3] And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism."

Lesson #3

We need to personally embrace the complete gospel by faith to experience God's saving work and his Spirit's presence in our life.

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More of the Spirit?

- Paul exhorts believers to "be filled with the Holy Spirit" (Eph. 5:18).
- People are "filled with the Spirit," which empowers them for a particular challenge or ministry (Acts 4:8).
- People filled with the Spirit also reflect Christ better in how they speak and act (Eph. 5:19-22).

Lesson #4

The Christian life is a supernatural life initiated & empowered by the presence of God's Spirit.

What needs completion in your life?

