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UNSTOPPABLE

THE BOOK OF ACTS

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With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught. (Luke 1:3-4)

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. (Acts 1:1-2)

The Book of Acts: the sequel recording the unstoppable movement of God's kingdom...

After His suffering, He showed Himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they met together, they asked Him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority." (Acts 1:3-7)

One anchor point for the entire book of Acts is the word, power – *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)*

• **Power of unshakeable conviction (certainty)** – *“...because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction.” (1 Thes. 1:5)*

Spiritual power is produced when beliefs become convictions – *“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of...” (2 Tim. 3:14a)*

• **Power of bullet-proof boldness (courage)** – *“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.” (Acts 4:31)*

• **Power of divine wisdom (discernment)** – *“These men began to argue with Stephen, but they could not stand up against his wisdom or the Spirit by whom he spoke.” (Acts 6:9b-10)*

• **Power of missional fruit (impact)** – *“He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.” (Acts 11:24)*

It’s amazing what God can do without our help – *“Moses answered the people, ‘Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.’” (Exodus 14:13-14)*

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us... (Eph. 3:20)