

**Engaging the gifts of the Spirit**  
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Text: Acts 2:17



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The progression of the mandate of Christ to his disciples:

#### **The Great Commission**

“Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then **Jesus** came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been **given to me**. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:16-20 NIV)

#### **The Promise**

“...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 NIV)

#### **The Fulfilment**

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit **on all** people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.” (Acts 2:17 NIV)

We have been called to venture out of the Upper Room into the market place.

The **Book of Acts** lists many miraculous and divine interventions throughout its pages. Two considerations:

1. They occurred because of **what happened in** the Upper Room (ref: Acts 2:1-4)
2. The miracles and divine interventions **mostly occurred outside of the walls** of the church / temple (ref: chart on following pages)

The Upper Room experience was to be taken to “**...all people**” (Acts 2:17)

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The Book of Acts lists at least 40 separate miraculous moments – **only one (1)** of those events occurred in the Temple grounds (ref: Acts 3:1-10). **Thirty nine (39)** of those events occurred within everyday areas of the city.

Reference: Acts	Supernatural encounter	Location
2:37-41	Three thousand people accepted the message and were added to the church after Peter's sermon	City streets
4:30-31	The room began to shake after they finished praying	House meeting
5:12-14	Signs, wonders and salvations occurred in Solomon's Portico	Public square
5:15-16	Streets were turned into healing venues	City streets
5:19	An angel set Peter free from prison	Prison
7:56	Stephen has an incredible vision of the glory of God	City streets
8:5-8;13	Philip sees miraculous healings, deliverance and people set free	City streets
8:18-24	Peter has a supernatural encounter with a street magician	City streets
8:26	An angel directs Philip to go down a certain road	City streets
8:39	Supernatural transportation was provided for Philip	Desert road
9:1-9	Saul of Tarsus encounters Jesus on a public road and is made blind.	Damascus road
9:10-16	Ananias has a vision and is called to pray for Saul's healing.	Home
9:17-18	Scales fall from Saul's eyes when he is prayed for, and he can see	Home
9:32-35	The entire population of two towns accepts Christ after Peter prays for the healing of the paralytic named Aeneas	City streets
9:40-42	Peter raises Tabitha from the dead and many come to Christ	Home
10:1-6	Cornelius has an angelic vision	Home
10:9-16	Peter has a very specific vision regarding an assignment Jesus would call him to	Home
10:44-48	The Holy Spirit falls on everyone in the home of the Roman Centurion	Home

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12:1-19	Whilst in prison, Peter has his chains released by an angel	Prison
12:23	An angel of the Lord strikes Herod dead	Palace
13:6-12	Paul has a supernatural encounter with a street magician	City streets
13:48-50	Great crowds assembled to hear the Word preached and many believe	City streets
14:1-5	Miraculous signs and wonders followed the preaching of the Word	City streets
14:8-11	A lame man is healed as he sits in the street listening to Paul preaching	City streets
16:9-10	Paul has a vision of the man from Macedonia	Home
16:16-18	A slave girl, who works as a fortune teller, receives deliverance from a divining spirit	Public square
16:26	An earthquake rocks the prison and everybody's chains fell off. The jailer and all of his household receive Christ	Prison
17:5-9	The jealous crowd cannot find Paul and Silas to kill them	Home / Market place
17:17	Paul turns the marketplace into a classroom	Public square
19:10	Paul turns a lecture hall into a teaching centre	Lecture hall
19:11-12	Extraordinary miracles occur through Paul	City streets
19:13-17	The Jewish Chief Priest, known as the Seven Sons of Sceva, encounters the true power of the Lord Jesus	City streets
19:18-20	Magicians encounter Christ and burn their sorcery scrolls	Public square
19:23-41	A market place rebellion is quelled	Public square
20:7-12	A young man is raised from the dead	Home
23:11	The Lord appears to Paul and encourages him	Prison
27:23-26	The Lord appears to Paul on board a ship about to run aground	Ship
28:1-5	Paul is bitten by a deadly snake and survives	Beach
28:8-10	People are healed all over the island of Malta	Home
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Jesus said: "I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." (Acts 26:17b-18 NIV)