

I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

UNSTOPPABLE :: WEEK ONE

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- Welcome to Acts “Unstoppable”! Our focus for the next 12 weeks will be on living in the power of the church Jesus is building. Are we living in that kind of powerful church?
 - The Church Jesus is building is invincible, unstoppable, and moving in power! It is alive and active and people are participating in it’s life!
 - The Shoreline Church of San Clemente is a church Jesus is building! Why? Let’s take a look.

OUR FOUNDATION

"BUT, WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?" SIMON PETER ANSWERED,
'YOU ARE THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD.'"

MATTHEW 16:15-18

- Peter got it so right! Divine revelation- Jesus is the Messiah (Anointed, Promised One), the Son of the LIVING GOD.

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- “Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.” Let’s ask 2 questions, 1) Upon which rock will Jesus build his church? and 2) Which powers of hell are trying to conquer it?
 - 1) Which rock? ‘The rock’ is Peter as representative of all the apostles and by extension all people who rightly declare who Jesus is! ‘The rock’ is the foundation of people gathered to Jesus- Ekklesia!

OUR FOUNDATION

“TOGETHER, WE ARE HIS HOUSE, BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND THE PROPHETS. AND THE CORNERSTONE IS CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF. WE ARE CAREFULLY BEING JOINED TOGETHER IN HIM...”

EPHESIANS 2:20

- Members of God's family are being joined together upon the foundation of Christ Jesus himself.

VISION FORWARD

- Now, let's pause and ask ourselves a few questions:
 1. Do we have the same Jesus Peter, the apostles, the prophets, and the early church had? **YES, WE DO!**
 2. Are we confessing and declaring to our generation Jesus as Messiah, the Son of the living God? **YES, WE ARE!**
 3. Have we devoted ourselves to the apostles teaching as the early church did? **YES, WE HAVE!**
 4. Is The Shoreline Church of San Clemente a church Jesus is building? **YES, IT IS!** And we must adhere to the true Jesus, being true witnesses, and devoted followers of His teaching.

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2) Which powers of hell are trying to conquer it?
“I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.”

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If the gates of Hades cannot hold Him, then Jesus is saying, “You have discovered that I am the Son of the living God. The time will soon come when I will be crucified, and the gates of Hades will close behind me. But they are powerless to shut me in. *The gates of Hades have no power against me the Son of the living God.*”

WILLIAM BARCLAY

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- Acts 1:1-11
 - Vv 1-5— Acts is Luke's 2nd book
 - Jesus proved to them he was actually alive V3
 - Stay in Jerusalem until you are baptized with the Holy Spirit V5

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- Acts 1:6-9
 - The time for a restored Israel is not yet known V7
 - The time for power to be My witnesses is now V8
 - Jesus's physical presence work was done V9
 - Stop standing around and staring. Information stage is over, transformation stage has begun! V11

TIME FOR TRANSFORMATION

Peter's message concluded with a call—

"EACH OF YOU MUST REPENT OF YOUR SINS AND TURN TO GOD, AND BE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS. THEN YOU WILL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."

ACTS 2:38

(The church grew to 3120 Holy Spirit empowered witnesses!)

TIME FOR TRANSFORMATION

"YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES UPON YOU. AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES..."

ACTS 1:8

- Many of us are missing the adventure, the power, and the witness for Jesus!
- Some of us are choked by abundance, others have too low a vision- a house, cars, and vacation but not His kingdom. We aren't calling for resurrection power!
- Some see no need for urgency and refuse to take responsibility for being witnesses, yet the need is HUGE!

THE SHORELINE CHURCH

Who are we as a church called The Shoreline Church of San Clemente?

1. Like Peter we confess Jesus Messiah, the Son of the Living God!
2. We are gathered in His power to be His witnesses to our generation!
3. We are devoted to the Apostles teaching, fellowship, prayer, giving, worship & discipleship Vv. 2:42-47

THE 5 DIMENSIONS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

1. We grow warmer through fellowship.
2. We grow deeper through discipleship.
3. We grow stronger through worship.
4. We grow broader through ministry.
5. We grow larger through evangelism.