

## **NO EXCUSES**

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### **1. God's Plan Often Interrupts Our Plan: Acts 1:6–7; Matthew 28:19**

- God's calling does not always align with our personal timelines or expectations.
- God's authority reminds us that His timing is wiser than ours.
- When our plans become primary, they can quietly replace obedience.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- Where have you felt tension between what you planned and what God may be calling you into?
- Why do you think trusting God's timing is often harder than trusting His purpose?

#### **Follow-Up Prompt**

- What would it look like to fully submit your plans to God this week?

### **2. Uncertainty Is Part of Calling, But Not a Reason to Stop: Acts 1:7**

- Calling almost always involves uncertainty.
- Waiting can be wise, but fear can disguise itself as patience.
- Faith requires movement, even when clarity feels incomplete.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- Which response do you most relate to when you feel uncertain: wait, freeze, control, or move forward?
- How can you tell the difference between wisdom and fear in moments of decision?

#### **Follow-Up Prompt**

- What is one small step of faith God may be asking you to take right now?

### **3. God Supplies the Power for What He Calls Us To Do: Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1–4; Acts 8:14–17; Acts 19:1–2**

- The Holy Spirit empowers believers to live out God's mission.
- God does not call us based on our ability, but on His power.
- The early church relied fully on the Holy Spirit, not personal strength.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- In what areas do you most often feel "I don't have what it takes"?
- How does the promise of the Holy Spirit change how we approach God's calling?

#### **Follow-Up Prompt**

- Where do you need to rely more on the Holy Spirit instead of your own effort?

#### **4. When You Don't Know What to Do, Start Where You Are: Acts 1:8**

- Information feeds a burden and helps clarify next steps.
- Movement brings direction; obedience creates momentum.
- God's mission expands outward, starting close and moving wider.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- What does "start where you are" look like in your life right now?
- Which part of the mission matrix feels most accessible to you at this season?

#### **Follow-Up Prompt**

- How can praying, giving, or going become more intentional for you this month?

#### **Key Takeaways**

- God's plan is greater than personal comfort or timing.
- Uncertainty does not cancel calling.
- The Holy Spirit empowers obedience.
- Movement matters, God steers those who step forward.

#### **Reflection and Prayer**

Take a moment to reflect on any excuses that may be holding you back from fully following God's call. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal where fear, control, or comfort may be replacing trust. Pray for courage to move forward in obedience, starting right where you are, trusting that God will provide the power and direction you need.