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Jesus' Great Commission

LESSON 01

JUNE 07, 2026

LESSON TEXT - ACTS 1:1–14

FOCUS VERSES

Acts 1:6–8

⁶When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

⁷And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

⁸But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

TRUTH ABOUT COVENANT

Jesus commissioned us to share His covenant with the world.

MY RESPONSE TO COVENANT

I will establish the King's kingdom on earth.

COVENANT CONTEXT

Although Jesus' earthly ministry had come to an end, His covenant with humanity continued in a new, closer way. He promised He would continue to dwell among His people by filling us with His Holy Spirit. As the Book of Acts demonstrates, He will give us power through His Spirit to be witnesses and make disciples for Him.

I. JESUS' CHARGE

A. The Power of the Spirit

When you think about the power that comes with God's Holy Spirit, how does that power show

up in your daily life?

- B. The Spread of the Gospel
- C. I will share the gospel with my family, friends, and neighbors.

Besides speaking, what are some ways you can be a witness on a daily basis with your actions and lifestyle?

II. THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- A. Spiritual Power Versus Political Power

How does a shift in mindset away from political or earthly power and toward spiritual power change how you think about power?

- B. I will invest my life and resources in the kingdom of God.

What are some of your life's resources (time, talent, and treasure) that you can invest into God's kingdom?

III. ESTABLISHING THE KINGDOM

- A. Sharing the Gospel
- B. Making Disciples

What does making disciples look like after someone has experienced the new birth?

- C. I will make disciples for Jesus.

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The Day of Pentecost

LESSON 02

JUNE 14, 2026

LESSON TEXT - ACTS 2:1–18, 38–39

FOCUS VERSES

Acts 2:37–39

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

³⁸Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

³⁹For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

TRUTH ABOUT COVENANT

Jesus inaugurated the new covenant when He poured out His Spirit.

TRUTH ABOUT COVENANT

I will respond to the Gospel by obeying.

COVENANT CONTEXT

After Jesus' promise to empower His people, He took another step closer in His covenant relationship with humanity when He filled His followers with His Holy Spirit. Upon preaching the gospel, a newly Spirit-filled apostle Peter preached to the crowd how they too could be in covenant relationship with Jesus: repentance, baptism in Jesus' name, and the infilling of His Spirit.

I. THE DAY OF PENTECOST

A. Tarrying in Jerusalem

Why is unity such an important component of the church? What does unity look like in the

daily life of the church body?

B. The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

C. I will tarry in prayer to be empowered by the Spirit.

If you have you ever “tarried” while waiting for a promise from God, what did that waiting period look like and feel like?

II. THE GOSPEL AND OUR RESPONSE

What elements in Peter’s message were so convicting for the listeners that they evoked such a willing response?

A. What Must We Do?

B. The Generational Promise

What are some recent testimonies you have heard of Acts 2:38 experiences around the world?

C. I will follow the plan of salvation Peter preached in Acts 2:38.

If you have responded to the gospel and been born again, what was that experience like for you? If not, why not respond and be born again today?

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Revival in Samaria

LESSON 03

JUNE 21, 2026

LESSON TEXT - ACTS 8:1–17

FOCUS VERSES

Acts 8:15–17

¹⁵Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

¹⁶(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

¹⁷Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

TRUTH ABOUT COVENANT

God calls His church to be His witnesses to everyone.

MY RESPONSE TO COVENANT

I will faithfully witness for Jesus even in persecution.

COVENANT CONTEXT

Up until this point in Israel's long history and the church's short history, God's covenant had been primarily to the Jews. However, once persecution spread the Hebrew Christians out of Jerusalem, God led a Greek-speaking Jew named Philip to the city of Samaria where God invited the Samaritans into covenant with Him through the gospel and the born-again response to the gospel.

I. POWERED BY PERSECUTION

A. Persecution in Jerusalem Led to Great Joy in Samaria

B. I will not allow persecution to prevent me from sharing the gospel.

If you have ever experienced rejection or opposition as you attempted to spread the gospel,

how did you respond?

II. THE NECESSITY OF THE SPIRIT

A. What Was Present

Why is receiving the Holy Spirit more important than experiencing physical miracles?

B. One Sign Absent

C. I will witness to others about the necessity of receiving the Spirit.

What are some ways you can spread the gospel message to your friends, neighbors, and coworkers and talk with them about the importance of receiving the Holy Spirit?

III. EXTENDING COVENANT

A. Jews and Samaritans

B. Jesus Extended Covenant to the Samaritans

If you find it difficult to witness to any particular groups of people, how can you overcome this obstacle to be a faithful witness?

C. I will witness to everyone by excluding no one.

When you see others the way Jesus sees them, are you more loving and inclusive? If not, how can you be?

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Paul's New-Birth Experience

LESSON 04

JUNE 28, 2026

LESSON TEXT - ACTS 9:1–20

FOCUS VERSES

Acts 9:17–18

¹⁷And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

¹⁸And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

TRUTH ABOUT COVENANT

God can radically transform His enemies into His covenant people.

MY RESPONSE TO COVENANT

We will welcome everyone as a brother or sister whom God transforms.

COVENANT CONTEXT

In Acts 8, God invited the Samaritans into covenant with Him. Although the Samaritans were partly Gentile, they were also partly Jewish. However, here in Acts 9, God recruited a zealous Pharisee named Saul to preach the gospel to Gentiles, setting up the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 12 to bless all nations through the Jews.

I. SAUL ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS

A. Saul's Plan to Persecute Christians

Why do you think Saul thought he was doing a good thing by persecuting Christians?

- B. God's Plan to Recruit Saul
- C. I will allow the Lord to redirect my steps.

How was your conversion experience similar or dissimilar to Saul's?

II. FROM THE OLD COVENANT TO THE NEW

- A. Saul's Transformation

What are some aspects of your old life that you were proud of but are now ashamed—that you now consider “rubbish” but once held in high regard?

- B. I will fully embrace my new life in Christ.

III. PAUL: THE APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES

- A. From Enemies and Outcasts to Covenant People Together

What relationships do you have that were once marked by hostility or division but have been transformed by the power of Christ?

- B. The Transforming Power of Jesus
- C. I will welcome all people as brothers or sisters God transforms.

How can you purpose to be radically inclusive in your evangelistic efforts and ensure you spread the gospel to everyone, not writing off anyone as being unworthy of your witness?

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The Gentile Revival

LESSON 05

JULY 05, 2026

LESSON TEXT - ACTS 10:1–8, 21–23, 44–48

FOCUS VERSES

Acts 10:45–47

⁴⁵And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

⁴⁶For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

⁴⁷Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

TRUTH ABOUT COVENANT

God extended the same covenant to the Gentiles as to the Jews.

MY RESPONSE TO COVENANT

I will participate in God's plan for every kindred, tongue, people, and nation.

COVENANT CONTEXT

This story completes the pattern Jesus prophesied to take the gospel from Jerusalem to Judea to Samaria and to the end of the earth. Against cultural prejudices and biases, God called the Jewish preacher named Peter to preach the gospel to a Gentile household, and God invited the rest of the world into covenant with Him.

I. TWO VISIONS

A. Cornelius's Vision

B. Peter's Vision

C. I will recognize that God speaks to people from different cultures.

Who are the people like Cornelius in your life? What is God calling you to do to reach out to

them?

II. CONFIRMATION OF THE VISIONS

A. Peter's Journey

B. I will be an integral part of spreading the gospel to everyone.

If you think there are people not worthy of you investing your time, what passages in the Bible teach you that we are called to reach everyone with the gospel?

III. PETER'S SERMON

A. Extending Covenant to the Gentiles

What keeps you from bringing up Jesus to people you don't know?

B. The Same New Birth as the Jews

In what place can you step out in obedient faith and share the gospel with someone?

C. I will witness to others about the plan of salvation.

In what scenario would you need to have great courage to share the gospel?

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The Council in Jerusalem

LESSON 06

JULY 12, 2026

LESSON TEXT - ACTS 15:1–17, 28–29

FOCUS VERSES

Acts 15:28–29

²⁸For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

²⁹That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

TRUTH ABOUT COVENANT

Covenant with God calls us to be in covenant with other people.

MY RESPONSE TO COVENANT

We will keep biblical principles and promote unity even amid different views.

COVENANT CONTEXT

As the church continued to grow into Gentile nations, a major point of discussion arose concerning how to treat Gentile Christians. The New Testament church leaders met in Jerusalem for the first church council, which threatened unity and could have divided the church into two groups. Nevertheless, the apostles followed the Spirit, maintained unity, and preserved the new covenant for all people—an example to us still today.

I. THE COUNCIL AT JERUSALEM

A. The Requirements of the Law

B. The Power of the Spirit

What can we learn about the disciples' quest for unity without compromising the truth of the gospel?

- C. I will seek solutions that promote unity in the body of Christ.

What elements are always necessary in resolving an issue at work, in your family, and in the church?

II. PETER'S TESTIMONY

- A. The Purity of Faith
- B. I will witness to people of all cultures.

How can you reach out to someone from a different culture?

III. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GENTILES

- A. Four Necessary Things

What do we learn from the list of four prohibitions the apostles agreed on in Acts 15? How does this decision apply to us?

- B. The Holy Ghost and Us
- C. I will seek the Spirit to keep covenant with others in difficult situations.

Name some ways you individually can help maintain unity within the local church.

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Paul and Silas in Philippi

LESSON 07

JULY 19, 2026

LESSON TEXT - ACTS 16:16–40

FOCUS VERSES

Acts 16:25;

Philippians 4:4

²⁵And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

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⁴Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

TRUTH ABOUT COVENANT

Recognizing our covenant with Jesus allows the Spirit to produce joy.

MY RESPONSE TO COVENANT

I will embrace the Spirit's beckoning to joy.

COVENANT CONTEXT

On Paul's second missionary journey, which is recorded in the Book of Acts, God led him to Europe, a new continent to hear the gospel. He and his companion Silas were persecuted, but God worked a miracle that led to the salvation of a jailor and his household. Even through difficulty, God was opening up a new church and inviting new people into covenant relationship with Him. Paul later wrote a letter to this same church known as the Epistle to the Philippians.

I. CHURCH PLANTING IN PHILIPPI

A. Paul in the Will of God

*If God has given you a dream or vision of something to come to pass, has it already happened?
If not, what Bible passages encourage you as you look for God to perform what He promised?*

- B. Paul Addressed the Girl Possessed by a Demon
- C. I will follow God's will, knowing He will make a way.

How has God provided direction or redirection in your life through your spiritual disciplines?

II. PAUL AND SILAS ARRESTED

- A. The Philippians' Unexpected Response
- B. The Shatter Zone

How do we deal with resistance to the gospel in today's culture?

- C. Paul and Silas's Unexpected Response
- D. I will praise God even when my situation seems bleak.

What are the benefits of having joy in negative situations?

III. THE LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

- A. Paul in Prison Again
- B. A Message Worth Repeating

What intentional reminders to rejoice can you incorporate into your life?

- C. I will embrace the Spirit's beckoning to joy.

COVENANT — THE NEW COVENANT

Reminders from Ephesians

LESSON 08

JULY 26, 2026

LESSON TEXT - ACTS 20

FOCUS VERSES

Acts 20:28–31

²⁸Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

²⁹For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

³⁰Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

³¹Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

TRUTH ABOUT COVENANT

Covenant calls us to follow the example of our Spirit-led, Spirit-filled leaders.

MY RESPONSE TO COVENANT

I will be faithful to my spiritual disciplines and church attendance.

COVENANT CONTEXT

We have journeyed through the Bible to arrive at this place where we are in covenant relationship with Jesus through the gospel. Our journey is not over; it has just begun. Now that we are in covenant, Paul taught throughout the letters he wrote, such as the letter to the Ephesians, how to live in covenant with God and with each other.

I. PAUL'S CALL FOR THE EPHESIAN LEADERS

A. Paul's Godly Example

B. Paul's Godly Teaching

What role does teaching play in the discipleship of believers?

C. I will endeavor to leave a legacy of living the gospel before others.

How are you continuing the spiritual legacy of those before you?

II. PAUL'S FIRMLY-WORDED REMINDER

A. An Established Church

Once you have been saved, in what ways are you established and strengthened in your faith?

B. A Persistent Problem

C. As part of the body of Christ, I will remember I have a covenant responsibility to every member.

How do you communicate to others that they belong?

III. THE POWER AND PRIVILEGE OF BEING IN COVENANT

A. A Prayer for Human Strength

B. A Celebration of God's Strength

How does God work through the church community to strengthen our faith?

C. I will not live below my privilege as a child of God.

COVENANT — THE NEW COVENANT

Paul's Testimony

LESSON 09

AUGUST 02, 2026

LESSON TEXT - ACTS 26:11–29

FOCUS VERSES

Acts 26:16–18

¹⁶But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

¹⁷Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

¹⁸To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

TRUTH ABOUT COVENANT

Being in covenant with God gives us a testimony to share with our world.

MY RESPONSE TO COVENANT

I will share my testimony with my world.

COVENANT CONTEXT

Near the end of the apostle Paul's teaching and preaching, he was arrested on false charges and put on trial. During the trial, he appealed to have his case heard in Rome, giving him an opportunity to share his testimony with Caesar himself. Paul believed the gospel was powerful enough to invite the most powerful man in the world into covenant with God. No one is beyond His reach.

I. PAUL'S TESTIMONY

A. Paul and Festus

If you have been falsely accused, how do you maintain your innocence and Christian witness at the same time?

- B. Paul's Message to Agrippa and Festus
- C. I will fulfill my part of God's covenant by testifying to others.

Why do you think Luke recorded Paul's testimony before Agrippa even though Agrippa was not fully persuaded?

II. FROM PAUL'S OLD LIFE TO THE NEW COVENANT

- A. Paul's Transformation

In what specific ways has Jesus Christ transformed your life?

- B. I will share how Jesus transformed my life.

What strategies have you found to be most effective for sharing the gospel with others?

III. THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION

- A. Forgiveness of Sin
- B. Repentance
- C. I will teach Bible studies about the new birth.

How can you develop confidence to share your testimony and teach Bible studies?

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The Fruit of the Spirit

LESSON 10

AUGUST 09, 2026

LESSON TEXT - GALATIANS 5:16–24

FOCUS VERSES

Galatians 5:24–25

²⁴And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

²⁵If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

TRUTH ABOUT COVENANT

Living in covenant is the best life we could live.

MY RESPONSE TO COVENANT

I will allow God's Spirit to bear fruit in my life.

COVENANT CONTEXT

Living for God is the most fruitful, fulfilling life possible, but it does not always come naturally to us. That is why Paul wrote nine letters to churches to teach them how to live once they were in covenant with God. This new covenant life will bear the fruit of the Spirit. Otherwise, we will find in our own lives the weeds of the works of the flesh.

I. WORKS VERSUS FRUIT

A. Work Versus Growth

Why does it sometimes feel like our relationship with God is more “work” than God intended?

B. The Contrast

Although we steer clear of certain works of the flesh, like adultery and murder, when was the last time you checked your life against hatred, strife, and envy?

C. I will crucify my flesh so the fruit of the Spirit will grow.

II. A CLOSER LOOK AT FRUIT

A. The Fruit Makes Us Fruitful

When you take inventory, what works of the flesh do you see? What fruit of the Spirit do you see in your life?

B. Facets of Fruit

C. I will learn to recognize fruit when I see it and when I bear it.

III. A PRACTICAL APPLICATION

A. Society's Knockoff

How do you tell the difference between the fruit of the Spirit and the counterfeit the enemy offers?

B. The Process of Fruitfulness

When the fruit of the Spirit is not growing in your life, what will you do to allow it to grow again?

C. I will keep in step with the Spirit.

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The Armor of God

LESSON 11

AUGUST 16, 2026

LESSON TEXT - EPHESIANS 6:10–18

FOCUS VERSE

Ephesians 6:13

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

TRUTH ABOUT COVENANT

Although life in covenant involves spiritual opposition, God's Spirit works in our lives like armor to give us victory.

MY RESPONSE TO COVENANT

I will wield the armor of God against spiritual enemies.

COVENANT CONTEXT

Living in covenant with God pits us against our spiritual enemy. However, God graciously provides us with the armor we need to defend ourselves and attack the enemy spiritually. Here in Ephesians 6, Paul listed the whole armor of God and the ways we use it to win our wars.

I. THE THREAT AGAINST US

A. Our Enemy

When you think of the enemy of your soul, what do you picture? What is your depiction based on?

B. Our Battle Plan

C. I will follow God's battle plan in spiritual warfare.

II. THE ARMOR

A. Weapons for a Purpose

Which of these attributes of God's Spirit is at work in your life right now? What part seems to be lacking?

B. Spiritual Power

What spiritual disciplines help you to be full and stay full of God's Spirit?

C. I will put on the whole armor of God every day.

III. THE PROTECTION OF COVENANT

A. The Evil Day

In what areas do you see the enemy's plans to destroy what God is building up? How will you fight the battle spiritually?

B. Watch and Pray

C. I will stand in the power of God's provided protection.

How does putting on the whole armor of God change the way you see the world around you?

COVENANT — A NEW BEGINNING

The Throne Room

LESSON 12

AUGUST 23, 2026

LESSON TEXT - REVELATION 4–5

FOCUS VERSE

Revelation 5:5

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

TRUTH ABOUT COVENANT

Being in covenant gives us peace that God is in control and has a plan to redeem His creation.

MY RESPONSE TO COVENANT

By God's Spirit, I will promote peace amid a world of chaos.

COVENANT CONTEXT

We come to the last book of the Bible and to the breathtaking revelation of Jesus Christ. In the first few chapters, we are awed to see Jesus as the Lion and the Lamb. Revelation 5 gives us a visual image of God's covenant plan to redeem humanity through His shed blood on Calvary. Although chaos will soon overwhelm the earth, peace reigns in Heaven because God is on the throne in Heaven.

I. THE MAJESTY OF JEHOVAH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- A. Holy, Holy, Holy
- B. Thou Art Worthy

When you worship God, what titles or attributes do you worship Him for?

- C. I will honor God as the center of my life and purpose, and I will serve no other gods.

When you are in awe of God, how do you respond? How should we respond?

II. THE LAMB IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- A. The Scroll and the Seals
- B. The Lion and the Lamb
- C. Breaking the Seals
- D. I will find hope in the Book of Revelation for I know Jesus is in charge.

Why are people often fearful of the Book of Revelation? What should our response be instead?

III. A NEW SONG

- A. We Sing with the Elders

If you were writing a song to worship God, what would you include in it?

- B. All Creation Sings

What do you feel when you realize that even Hell must join in the song of praise to the Lamb?

- C. I will give God my past, live for Him in my present, and trust Him with my future.

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The Covenant Fulfilled

LESSON 13

AUGUST 30, 2026

LESSON TEXT - REVELATION 21:1–9, 23–27

FOCUS VERSES

Revelation 21:5–7

⁵And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

⁶And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

⁷He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

TRUTH ABOUT COVENANT

Jesus makes all things new and restores creation through His eternal plan.

MY RESPONSE TO COVENANT

I will prepare myself to live in covenant with Jesus.

COVENANT CONTEXT

As we come to the end of the Bible, we see God restore all creation to better than it was in the Garden of Eden. Heaven and earth will be filled with redeemed humanity who chose to live in covenant relationship with God, and His covenant people will reign and rule with Him, never to be separated from Him again. The end will be better than the beginning.

I. THE NEW JERUSALEM

A. The Tabernacle of God

Both Genesis and Revelation describe a beautiful, intimate relationship with God. What can you do today to grow that relationship?

B. The Restoration of Creation

What should we do to be good stewards of what God has given us? What is out of our control?

C. I will prepare myself for God's ultimate fulfillment of His covenant in Heaven.

How important is repentance in your daily devotion?

II. IN THAT CITY WHERE THE LAMB IS THE LIGHT

A. The Light of Salvation

B. The Light to the Gentiles

When Paul described Gentiles as being grafted into the root of the nation of Israel, what do you think he meant by that?

C. I will walk in the light of God's covenant.

If you are not yet ready for Heaven, are you ready to pray for God to save you today? If you are ready, whom can you help be ready for Heaven as well?

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