

Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.
Acts 2:43

Chapters 1-5 centered on the gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit in the early church.
Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38

Chapters 6-8 centered on the spreading of the word of God, persecution and the growth of the early church.
The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith. Acts 6:7

Chapter 9 centered on the conversion of Saul and a time of peace of the early church.
So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase. Acts 9:31

When God wants to do a new thing He will always raise up the people to accomplish it.

When God wants to do a new thing sometimes old things get in the way.

God has to prepare our hearts if He is do a new thing in our lives.

Opening his mouth, Peter said: I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him. Acts 10:34–35

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message.
Acts 10:44

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The apostles and the brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those who were circumcised took issue with him, saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” Acts 11:1–3

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as He did upon us at the beginning. Acts 11:15

Who am I to stand in the way of the new thing God is doing?

Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as He gave to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way? Acts 11:17

When God is doing a new thing we sometimes have to move from “well but” to “well then.”
When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.” Acts 11:18

So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone. Acts 11:19

Many of the Jews were walking away from their faith because of persecution.
Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials. James 1:2

For the gospel to spread to the gentiles there had to be disciples to lead them.
But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. James 1:22

God cannot do a new thing if His people are not committed to prayer.
Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. James 5:16

As a church that we would commit ourselves to speak and preach Jesus.

As a church that we would ask that the hand of the Lord would be on us.

As a church that we would encourage one another with a resolute heart to be true to the Lord.

As a church we would pray that considerable numbers would be brought to the Lord.

As a church we would commit ourselves to see God do a new thing in us.