

A lush, green indoor garden with various plants and a glass structure in the background. The scene is filled with dense foliage, including large-leafed plants and smaller greenery. A glass structure, possibly a greenhouse or conservatory, is visible in the background, with light filtering through the panes. The overall atmosphere is vibrant and natural.

# LIVING

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE





***THE BOOK OF ACTS  
CHALLENGES AND  
TRANSFORMS US***



One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer — at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.

— Acts 3:1-2

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***THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE  
SEIZES DIVINE  
APPOINTMENTS***



When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

— Acts 3:3-5

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***THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE  
DEMONSTRATES  
COMPASSION***



Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”

— Acts 3:6

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A lush garden with a greenhouse in the background. The scene is filled with various green plants, including ferns and broad-leafed species. The greenhouse has a corrugated metal roof and large glass windows. The lighting is soft, suggesting an overcast day or late afternoon. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

***IN THE NAME OF JESUS***



*Ministry is acting in the Name of Jesus. When all our actions are in the Name, they will bear fruit for eternal life. To act in the Name of Jesus, however, doesn't mean to act as a representative of Jesus or his spokesperson. It means to act in an intimate communion with him. The Name is like a house, a tent, a dwelling. To act in the Name of Jesus, therefore, means to act from the place where we are united with Jesus in love.*

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*To the question “Where are you?” we should be able to answer, “I am in the Name.” Then, whatever we do cannot be other than ministry because it will always be Jesus himself who acts in and through us. The final question for all who minister is “Are you in the Name of Jesus?” When we can say yes to that, all of our lives will be ministry.*

*- Henri Nouwen*

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***THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE  
DISPLAYS GOD'S POWER***



Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

— Acts 3:7,8

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When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

— Acts 3:9,10

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A lush garden scene with a greenhouse in the background, overlaid with bold white text. The text reads: 

***FILLED WITH WONDER  
AND AMAZEMENT***



A photograph of a greenhouse filled with various green plants, including ferns and broad-leafed species. The text "DOES GOD HEAL TODAY?" is overlaid in a large, white, bold, italicized font across the center of the image. The background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the text.

***DOES GOD HEAL TODAY?***





**THE**  
**“ALREADY BUT NOT YET”**  
**KINGDOM**



While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.

— Acts 3:11

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A lush garden scene with various green plants and a building in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

***ASTONISHED  
AND CAME RUNNING***





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***THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE  
BOLDLY PROCLAIMS  
THE GOSPEL***



When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.”

— Acts 3:12,13

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“You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.”

— Acts 3:14, 15

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“By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.”

— Acts 3:16

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“Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you — even Jesus.”

— Acts 3:17-20



The background of the image shows a lush greenhouse filled with various plants, including ferns and broad-leafed species. In the background, a building with a corrugated metal roof is visible through the foliage. The overall lighting is soft and natural, typical of an indoor garden setting.

***REPENT, RETURN,  
AND BE REFRESHED***



*Repentance, according to Peter, is the means by which those on earth may begin to experience “times of refreshing.” Again, the ascension of the risen Christ means that what Jesus is experiencing in heaven can begin to be experienced now, on earth, in the present. But this is merely a foretaste, a beginning of the end of time when God will restore all things.*

*- Scot McKnight*

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They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

— Acts 4:3,4

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They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: “By what power or what name did you do this?”

— Acts 4:7

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***THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE  
FACES OPPOSITION WITH  
COURAGE AND FAITH***



Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is ‘the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’ Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

— Acts 4:8-12



When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.

— Acts 4:13,14

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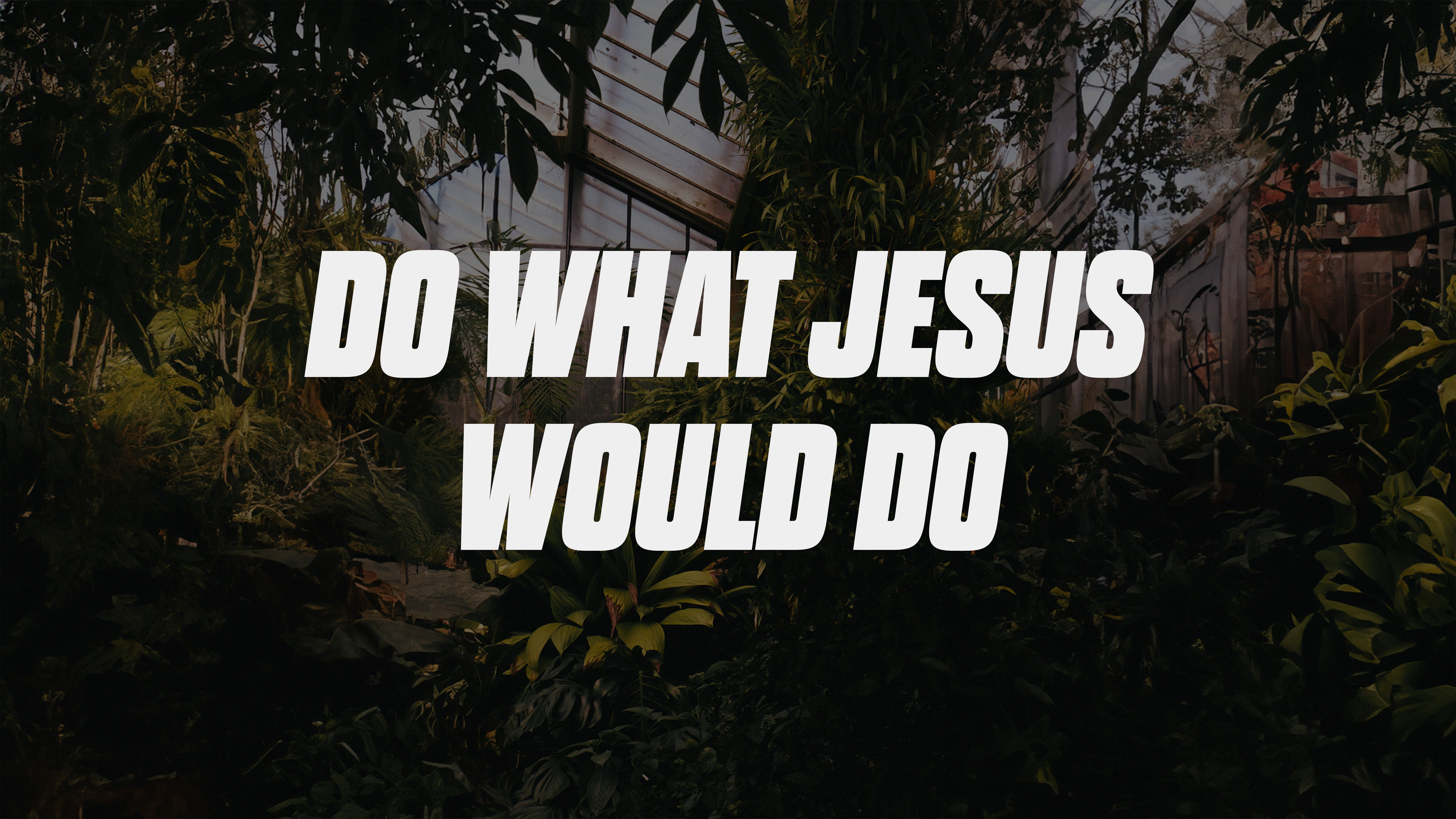
A lush garden with a greenhouse in the background, overlaid with the text "BE WITH JESUS". The scene is filled with various green plants, including ferns and broad-leafed species. The greenhouse has a corrugated metal roof and large glass windows. The overall lighting is soft and natural, suggesting an outdoor setting.

***BE WITH JESUS***



***BE LIKE JESUS***





***DO WHAT JESUS  
WOULD DO***





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Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

— Acts 4:18-20

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“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

— Acts 4:29,30

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EXPECTS THERE WILL BE  
BREAKTHROUGH***



After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

— Acts 4:31

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# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Discuss your thoughts on how Acts 3-4 demonstrates "Living: The Spirit-Filled Life".*
- 2. Have you ever experienced or witnessed a miracle? Share your experience.*
- 3. Can you think of a time when you saw someone take a bold action for their faith? How did it impact those who witnessed it? Discuss how taking bold steps in faith, even in small ways, can influence others around us.*
- 4. Have you ever been in a situation where you had to stand up for your beliefs or values, especially when it was unpopular or risky? What gave you the courage to do so?*
- 5. How does prayer support you in difficult times, and how can we support each other in prayer as a group? How does prayer influence your actions and decisions?*



# PRACTICE

As a group, ask if anyone needs healing in any way, Physically, Emotionally, Mentally, or Spiritually. Take turns as a group gathering around each person that needs healing, ask if they are comfortable with people placing a hand on them; if so, put a hand on their shoulder or back, then pray simple, bold prayers, **IN JESUS NAME** for complete healing. This is not about the length of time in prayer or the "best" prayer... it's simply praying for healing in Jesus' name. The power for healing is in the name of Jesus!



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