

ACTS

10 Day Devotional

^{THE}**HUB**

DAY 1 *Don't Do it Without Power*

Acts 1:4-8 (ESV)

4And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; 5for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” 6So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Observation

The disciples want strategy, timing, and clarity. Jesus gives them none of that—only a promise: power. Before God sends them anywhere, He tells them to wait. Not because they’re lazy—but because they’re powerless without the Spirit.

Application (Today)

Pause before you post, decide, or react.

Pray: “Holy Spirit, what are You inviting me into today?”

Then wait 60 seconds in silence before moving on with your day.

DAY 2

Power Isn't for Flexing

Acts 2:14-21 (ESV)

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: 17 “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy 19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Observation

Peter—who once denied Jesus—is now boldly speaking in public. Nothing about Peter changed except one thing: the Holy Spirit filled him. God didn’t upgrade Peter’s personality—He empowered his obedience.

Application (Today)

Have one brave conversation about Jesus this week. It doesn’t need to be perfect—just honest.

DAY 3 *Pretending with God*

Acts 5:1-11 (ESV)

But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, ²and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet.³ But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? ⁴While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God." ⁵When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. ⁶The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him.

⁷After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you_[a] sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much." ⁹But Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." ¹⁰Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.

Observation

Ananias and Sapphira didn't lose their lives because they gave less—they lost them because they lied. God is more concerned with your character than your reputation.

Application (Today)

Confess temptation before it becomes sin.

Tell someone you trust what you're actually struggling with.

DAY 4

When God Interrupts Plans

Acts 9:1-9 (ESV)

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Observation

Saul is confident, driven, and convinced he's right. Then Jesus knocks him flat. Saul wasn't rejected—he was redirected. Sometimes God shuts things down because they were taking you the wrong way.

Application (Today)

Ask yourself: “What plan am I holding tighter than God?” Write it down. Surrender it.

DAY 5

When God Interrupts Plans

Acts 9:10-19 (ESV)

10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” 11 And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” 13 But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” 15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” 17 So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; 19 and taking food, he was strengthened.

Observation

Ananias isn't famous. He isn't fearless. He's just obedient. His small “yes” unlocks Paul's future. The Kingdom doesn't move forward through hype—it moves through simple obedience.

Application (Today)

Do the small thing God's already been nudging you about. Text. Apologize. Pray. Show up.

DAY 6

When God Uses The Breakup

Acts 15:36-41 (ESV)

36 And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are.”³⁷ Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. ³⁸ But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. ³⁹ And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus,⁴⁰ but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.⁴¹ And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Observation

Paul and Barnabas disagree—and God doesn’t stop it. Instead of one mission team, there are now two. Not every ending is failure. Some are multiplication.

Application (Today)

Ask God: “Is this a season to stay, or a season to walk?”
Seek counsel before making emotional decisions.

DAY 7

Your Unknown God

Acts 17:22-28 (ESV)

22 So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, [c] 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.

Observation

Athens is full of worship—but empty of peace. Paul exposes a truth we avoid: everyone worships something. Whatever you refuse to surrender eventually becomes what controls you.

Application (Today)

Audit your worship:

What gets your attention when you’re stressed?

That’s your “unknown god.” Bring it to Jesus.

DAY 8

Win While Wounded

Acts 27:23-32 (ESV)

23 For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, 24 and he said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.’ 25 So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. 26 But we must run aground on some island.’

27 When the fourteenth night had come, as we were being driven across the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. 28 So they took a sounding and found twenty fathoms. A little farther on they took a sounding again and found fifteen fathoms. 29 And fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. 30 And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, and had lowered the ship's boat into the sea under pretense of laying out anchors from the bow, 31 Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, “Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved.” 32 Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship's boat and let it go.

Observation

Paul is shipwrecked—but calm. Why? Because he trusts God's promise more than his circumstances. Faith doesn't remove storms—it anchors you in them.

Application (Today)

Thank God for one “small win” today—even if life feels heavy. Gratitude rewrites despair.

DAY 9

Shaking Off What Should've Killed You

Acts 28:1-6 (ESV)

After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta. 2 The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. 3 When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. 4 When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.” 5 He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. 6 They were waiting for him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god. (Note - Paul continued to preach the gospel to them so they would know he was not God but Jesus.)

Observation

Paul gets bitten—but doesn't panic. What others expected to kill him didn't even slow him down. Some attacks aren't punishment—they're proof you're on assignment.

Application (Today)

Shake that thing off.

Stop replaying and focusing on the thing God already protected you from. Move forward.

DAY 10 *The Book Isn't Finished*

Acts 28:30-31 (ESV)

30 He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, 31 proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

Observation

Acts ends without closure on purpose. No resolution. No final victory scene. Because the story isn't over—you're in it. God's mission continues through ordinary people who say yes.

Application (Today)

Ask the question that changes everything:
“Who am I discipling?”

Pray for one name. Start building intentional relationship with them today!