Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.

—Philippians 1:27 ESV

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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."

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.

⁶So when they had come

"As the Father has sent Me, even so I

am sending you." —John 20:21b ESV

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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." ⁹And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.

10And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven." —Acts 1:4-11 ESV

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"You can't just stand here, you must GO there." -.007.tiff

Is it Time For a Takeover? Acts 1:6-7

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"It's not time for a big takeover, it's time for a greater surrender."

How Can We Get Through This? Acts 1:8

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"Your need is not greater knowledge of the future, but greater power for today."

Luke 24:45-48

-.011.tiff -.012.tiff You are a tool, but the Spirit is the power supply for God's work in and through you.

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our lives? —"be My witnesses"

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Jesus ascended!

And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.

—Acts 1:9 ESV

Why are You Standing Here?

Acts 1:11

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"We can't just stand here, we must GO there."

"But 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."

—Acts 1:8 ESV

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"Whether in the Gospels or Acts, incarnation is the secret strategy by which God changes the world...Whenever God wants to get a message across to men He does not merely send someone to announce it; His final way of driving it home is to dress the message in flesh and blood...That is the strategy of the book of Acts.

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It is the record of the incarnation of men and women possessed by Jesus Christ and manifesting His life every day. Anytime you find Christianity not doing this, it is false Christianity...if it is not the activity of human beings possessed and indwelt by the life of Jesus Christ, it is not authentic Christianity."—Ray Stedman

If not you, who?

If not now, when?

If not here, where?

If not this, what?

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