



September,
1982

The First
Sunday of the
L'Amable
Congregation



*Allen Sargeant &
Roger Easton - "First Elders."*



*Geo. Lenthorey
Nov: 84*



*Darl Lott
Oct/83.*

Focus on Prophecy
L'Amable Bible Chapel
April 14th - 16th

Speaker: Gary McBride



There will be a pot-luck supper Saturday nite



Barbeque lunch Sunday

B.B. Q Cooks
 Nathan Kester
 Families



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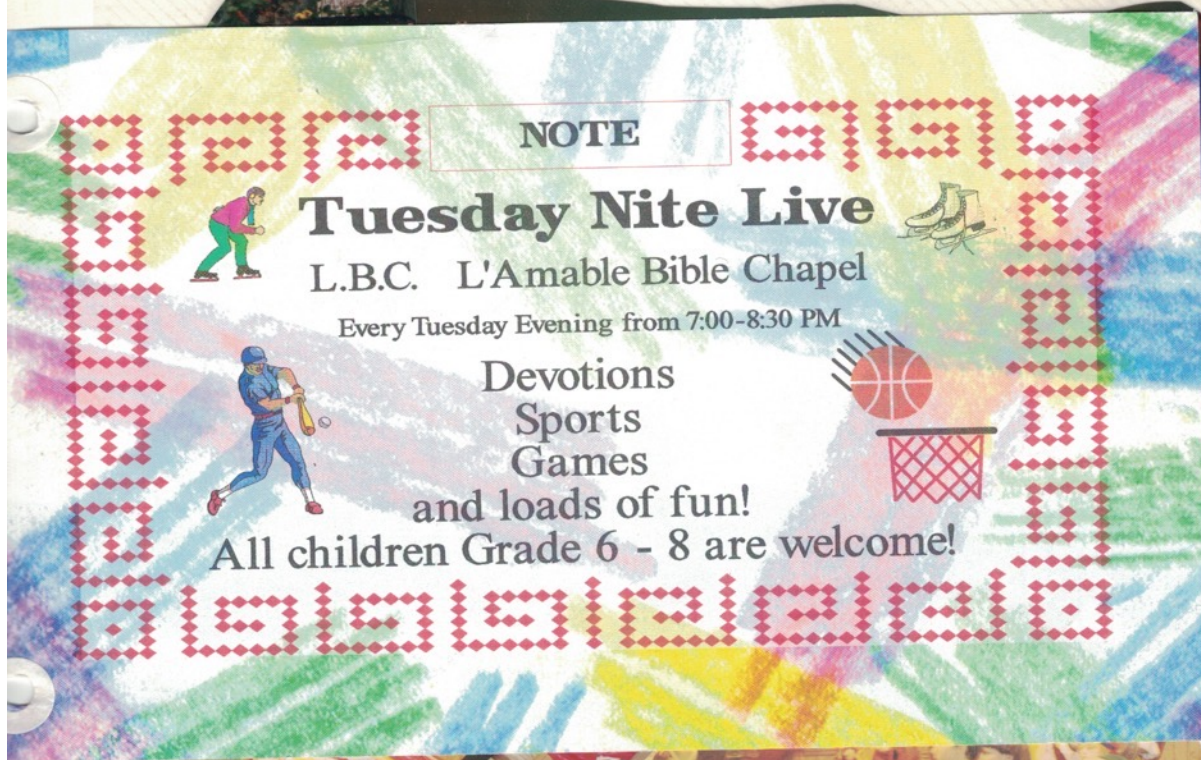
Baby Shower
 Tasha Heggen

April 9th - Jack & Jill Shower for Phil Regamey &
 Karis Hunt 3:00 PM Please Bring finger food.



George Tenthorsey
 70th Birthday





*Tuesday Nite
Club*

Youth Nights, Spring 1996

- >  4 Books Combined Slide Show for LBC
- >  Book 1 -- 1982 Sept. to 1994 Oct.
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- >  Book 2 -- 1994 Dec. to 2001 Aug.
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- >  Book 3 -- 2001 Dec. to 2012 Nov.
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Acts 2-8 Overview

“God Advances in Acts”

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Introduction

Before Jesus leaves, he makes a prophecy...



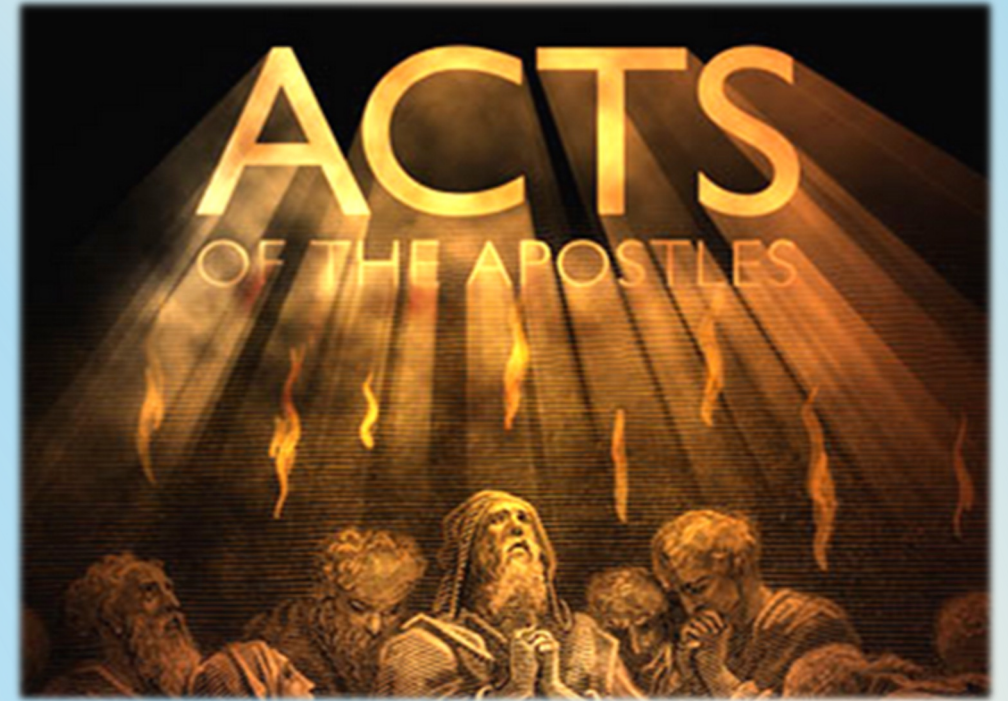
⁸“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

A series on Acts to see how God works...

Skim through Acts...

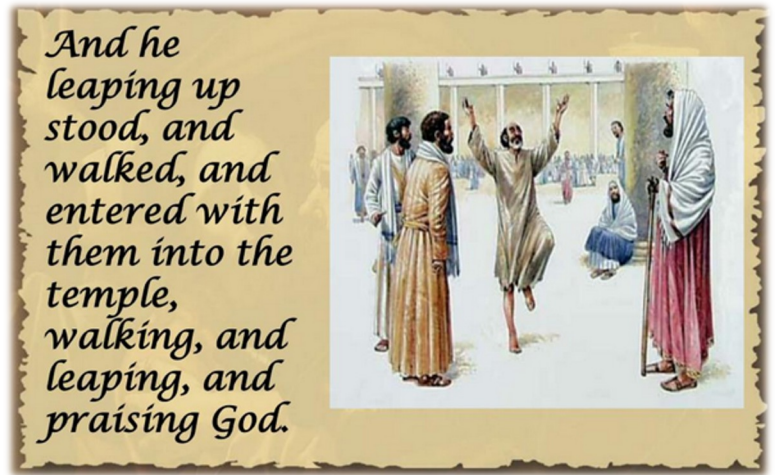
What do we see?

- Power & boldness
- Fearless proclamation
- Miracles & transformation
- Rapid Church growth in numbers & regions
- ***Challenges, persecution, and breakthroughs***



Acts shows God advancing

1. Acts 2: Fire at Pentecost
2. Acts 3: Healing & Evangelism
3. Acts 4: Boldness & Favour
4. Acts 5: Crisis & Focus
5. Acts 6: New Leaders & Church Growth
6. Acts 7: Martyrdom
7. Acts 8: Persecution & Breakthrough



***Acts shows
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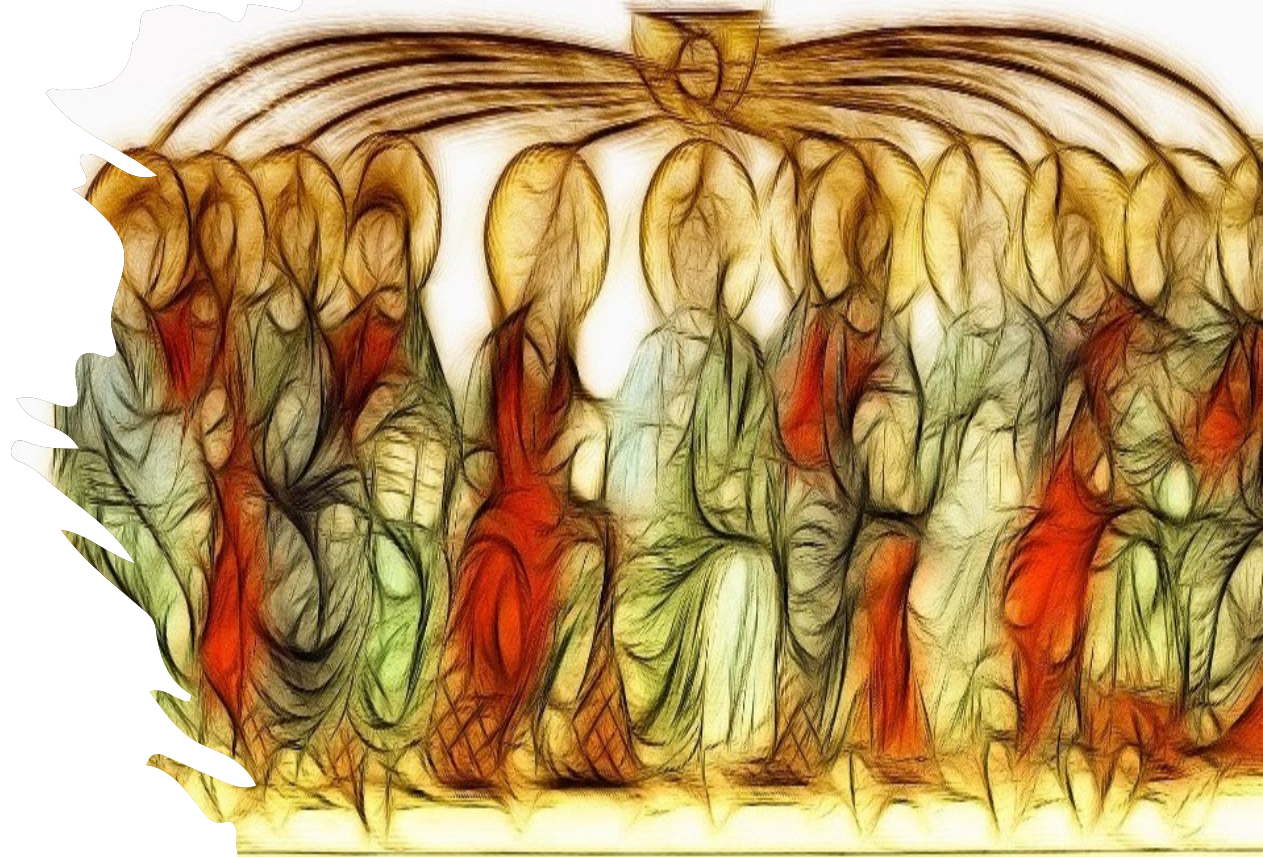
Personnel?

- Christians, but...
- Some are key witnesses...
- Peter & John
- Steven
- Philip
- Barnabas is introduced
- A dark character enters...Paul



The Book of Acts

"You shall be My witnesses"



God acts and people respond...

Let's examine four elements...

1. Power

2. Proclamation

3. Peril

4. Progress

*Acts shows
God
advancing*

*Acts also
reveals
people
responding*



1. Power

Unlike the Old Testament (Red Sea, Mt. Sinai)—this is *power moving in people...*

Acts 2:³ *They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.* ⁴ *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them...*

⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken... ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say...this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions...

...your old men will dream dreams.

*¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy... (Peter preaches eloquently)*

*³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has
made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and
Messiah.” ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to
the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles,
“Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent
and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus
Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.*

41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 47 ...and the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



2. Proclamation

Clearly, Peter is not the Peter of 50 days before!

- He is bold
- He is knowledgeable
- He is eloquent
- He is persuasive
- **He is empowered!**
- **He gives a proclamation...**

Is it only for a day?



God pours power through Peter and others!

- Chapter 3--a miracle
- Peter and John –and a man lame from birth

“7...In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk! ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.





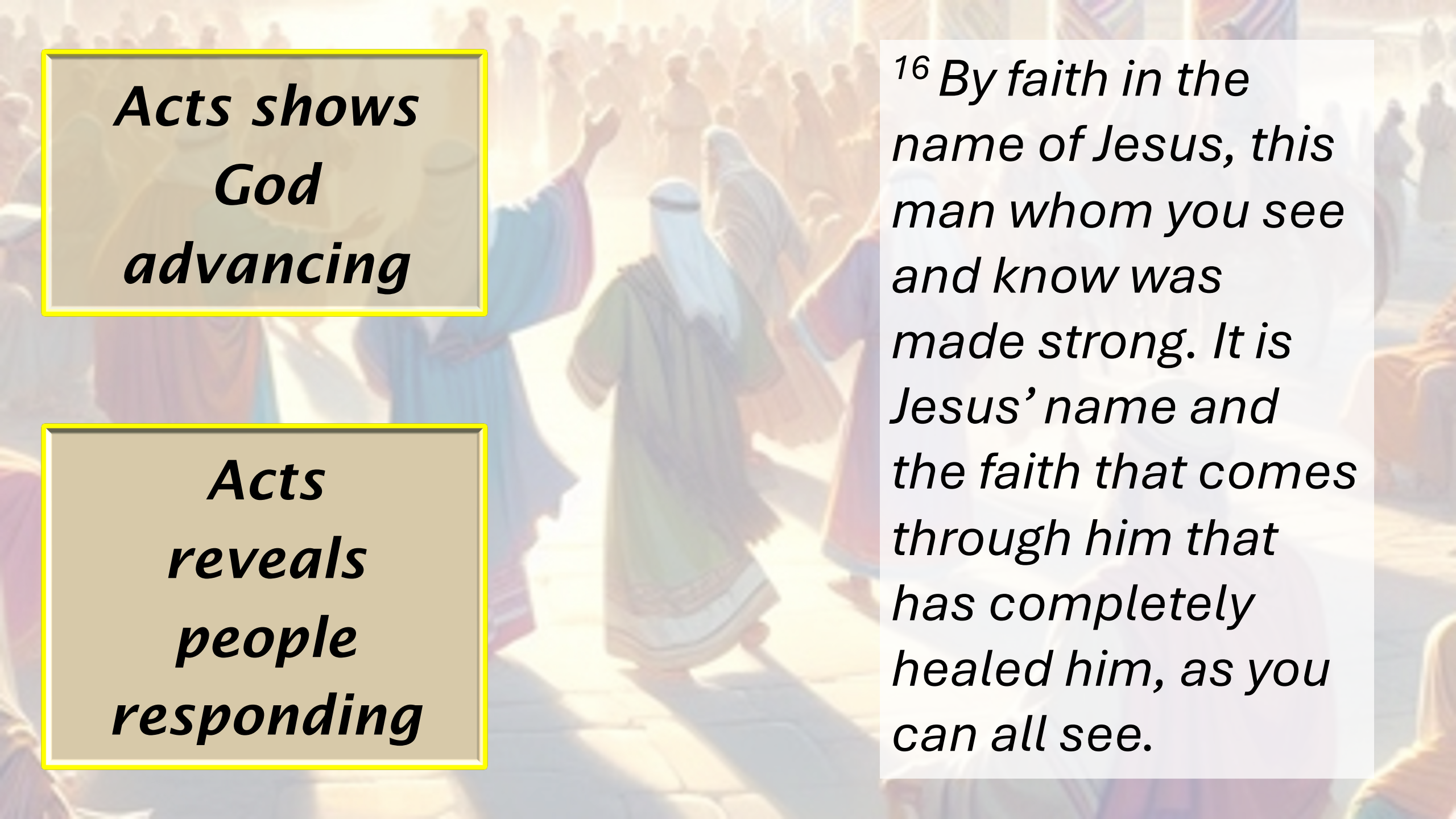
⁹ When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

***The miracle leads to
salvation...***



¹¹ 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.

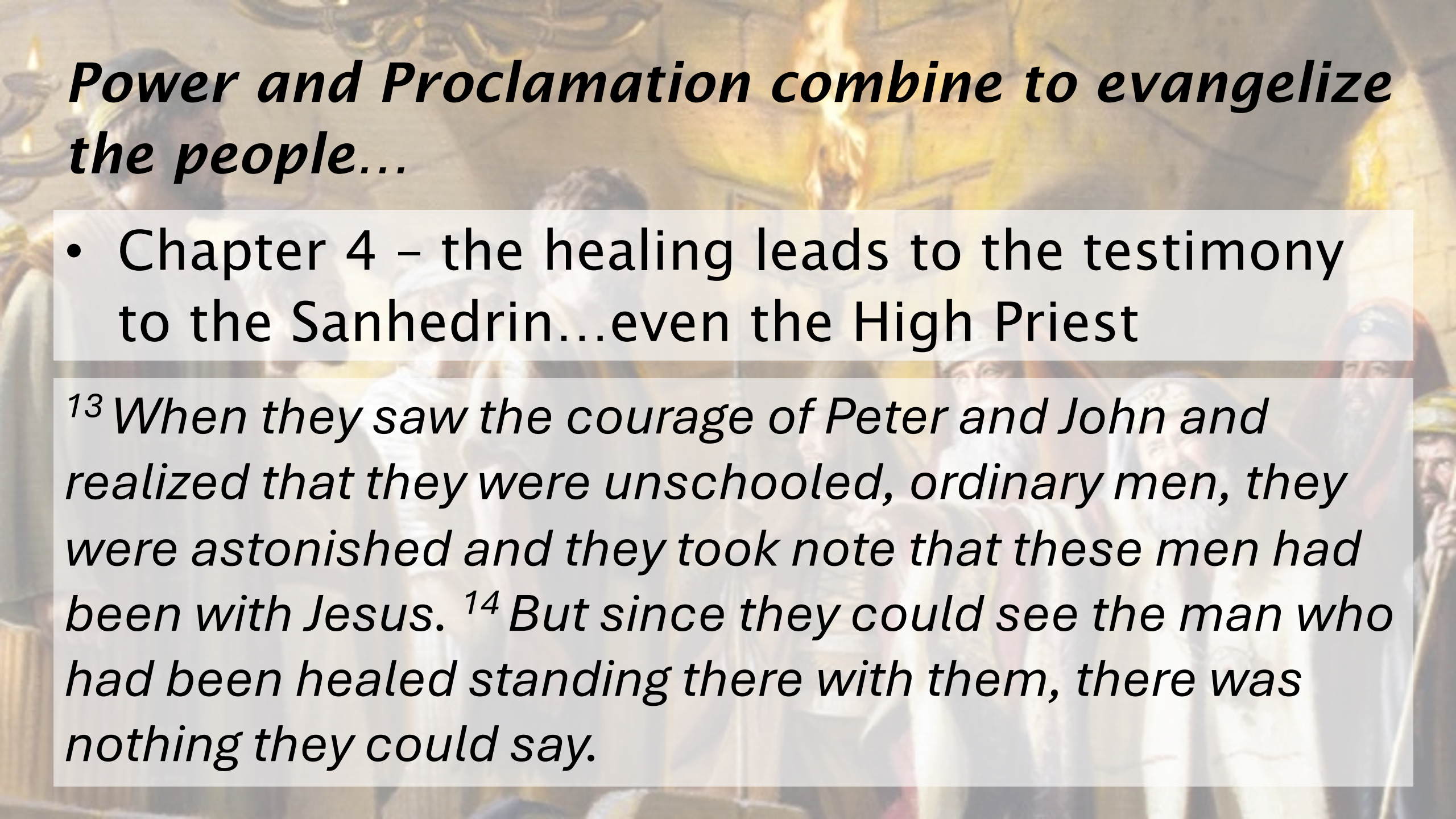
¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?... ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.



***Acts shows
God
advancing***

***Acts
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¹⁶ 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.



Power and Proclamation combine to evangelize the people...

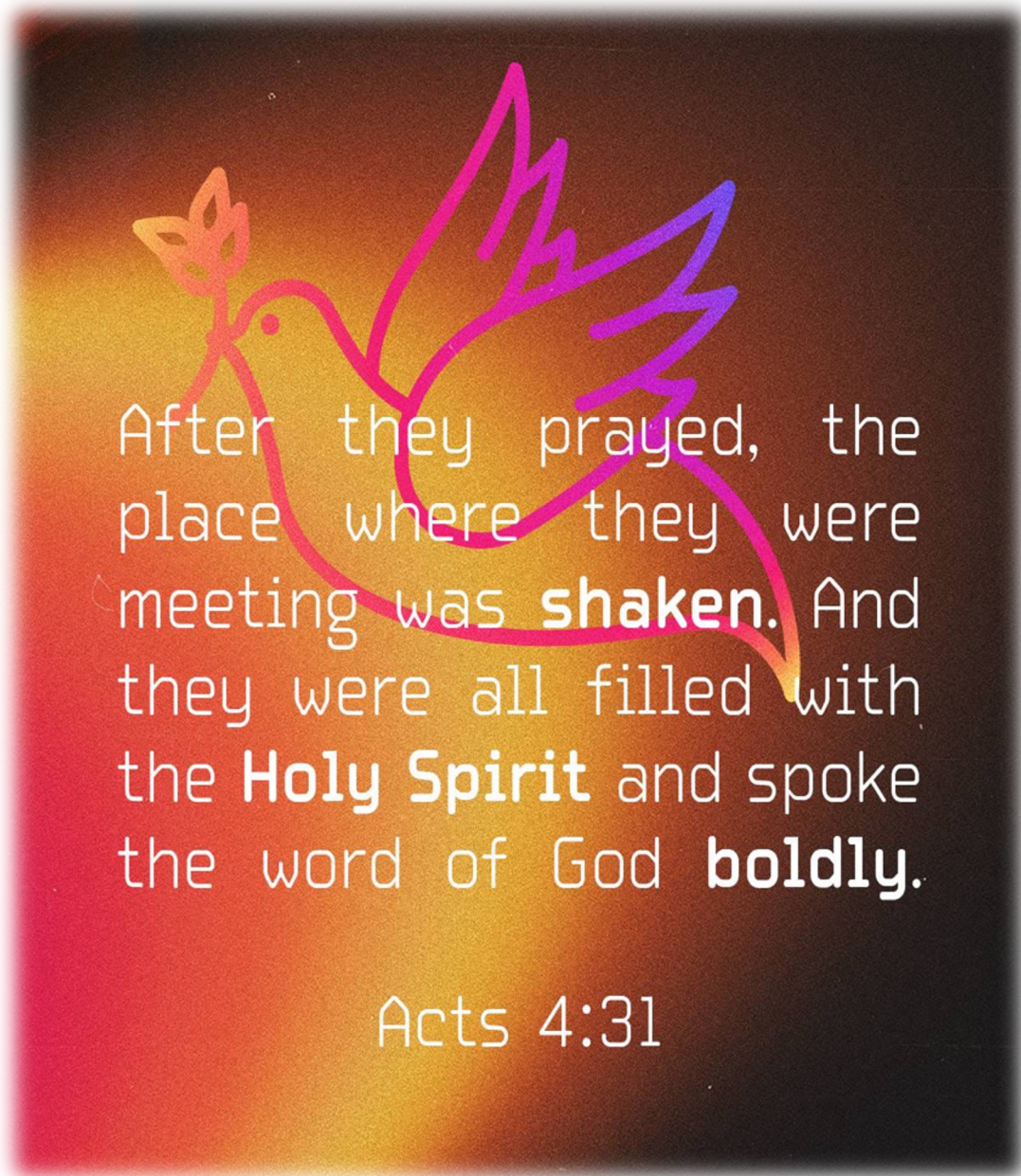
- Chapter 4 – the healing leads to the testimony to the Sanhedrin...even the High Priest

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.

²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God.

- 4:31—God shakes the house!



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

***Power...Proclamation...
God is advancing in
Acts, and people are
responding...***



THE
ACTS
OF THE APOSTLES

3. Peril

Following power and proclamation, we find peril—internal and external challenges

- We will cover the end of Chapter 4, and the beginning of 5 (Ananias & Sapphira) in a message by itself in the future.



- Chapter 5 – amazing events!
- Healings, signs, wonders
- Teaching
- Crowds gathering
- Numbers growing
- Miracles
- ***Persecution***



¹⁴...more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. ¹⁵As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. ¹⁶Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

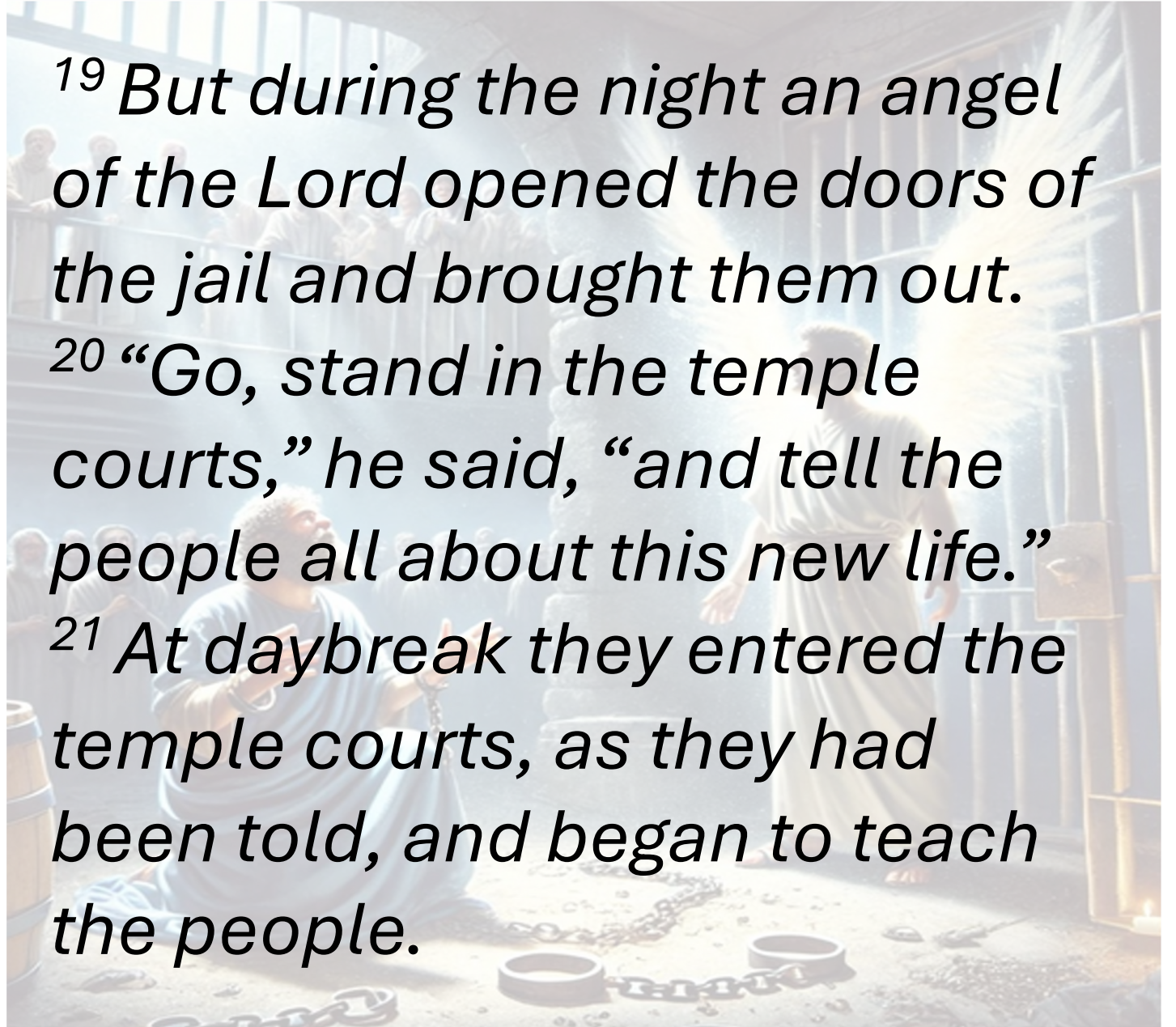
¹⁷Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.



¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.

²⁰ “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”

²¹ At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.





²⁵ Then someone came and said, “Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people.” ²⁶ At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.



²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³ When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.

- A Pharisee named Gamaliel intervenes
- He advises the Sanhedrin to let the men go—if there's nothing to this movement, it will fade away...



Is he a
secret
supporter?



³⁸ “...in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”
⁴⁰ His speech persuaded them.

***God is advancing in Acts with power,
and people are responding...***



⁴⁰...They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

- Chapters 6 & 7 – God shows his power through Stephen
- Stephen is one of 7 first Deacons, and a significant speaker!
- We will cover this in a future message
- At the end, Stephen is killed—the first martyr after Jesus
- A young man named Saul is implicated



4. Progress

Power had led to Proclamation which has resulted in Peril. Is that the end?

- Does persecution end the young church?
- God's ways are wise...the scattering brings **progress...**



- Chapter 8 has a whole new outreach—to Samaria!
- It is also the birth of the Ethiopian church
- Philip, one of the 7 deacons, is powerfully used by God
- We are taught more about the Holy Spirit
- *(This will be for a future message...)*





¹On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ²Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. ³But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.



⁴ Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. ⁵ Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there... ¹⁴ When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria.

Power sparked Proclamation which led to evangelization, but also Peril. In the end, it all worked for the Progress of the Gospel and the Kingdom of Jesus...

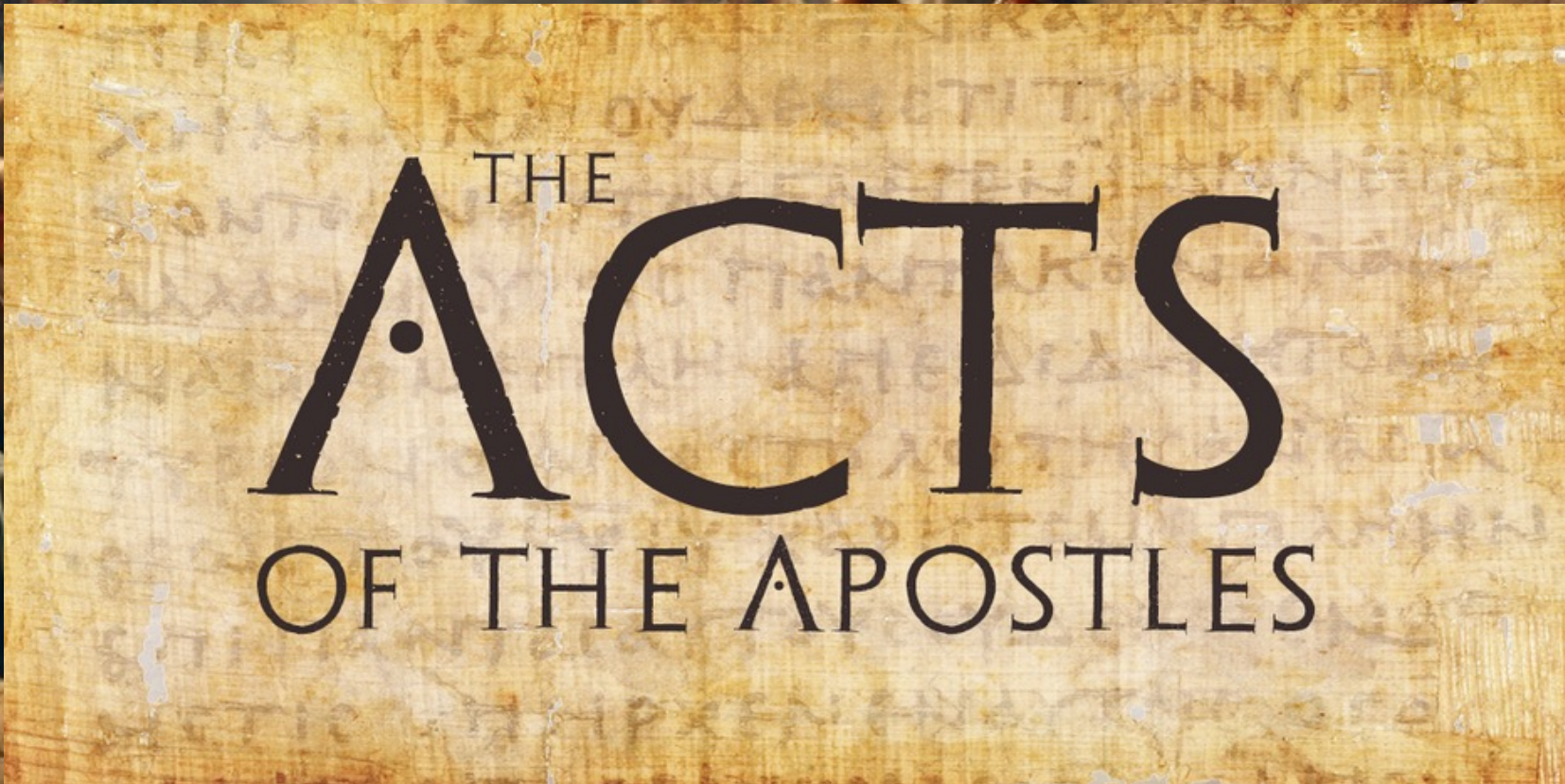
- We will return to look at details in these 8 first chapters of Acts

***God is advancing in Acts,
and people are responding...***



Power...Proclamation...

***God is advancing in Acts, and people
are responding in spite of Peril. The
outcome is the Progress of the Gospel***

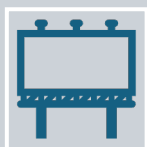




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