

The Ripple Effect

New Life Lessons
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Day One – Read Acts 1:8

These are the last words Jesus spoke to His followers before ascending into heaven. Reflecting on “**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;**” How have you seen the Holy Spirit active in your life? In what ways has the Holy Spirit transformed you and impacted your relationship with Jesus?

Pray and ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit to continuously walk in union with Him.

Day Two – Read Acts 1:8.

Knowing what God has done for us and sharing our testimony is important. Focus on “**and you will be my witnesses**”. What comes to mind when you think of witnessing? How do you show and tell others what God has done for you? What stops you from witnessing to others?

Pray - Ask God to help you see opportunities to share your story about what God has done in your life.

Day Three – Read Acts 8:1-4

These four scriptures show the ripple effect that Jesus told his followers in **Acts 1:8**. Believers were scattered due to persecution. Though we do not experience this type of persecution, we are called to move. How do you see God moving you? Are you willing to meet new people? Reach out to more family members or move locations to reach more people for His kingdom?

Pray - Ask God to help you open up your world or to meet new people. Ask God if where He wants you to go or where He wants you to move.

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Acts 8:1-4; Acts 1:8

Acts 8:1-4 (NIV) ¹ And Saul approved of their killing him. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in **Jerusalem**, and all except the apostles were **scattered** throughout **Judea and Samaria**.² Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him.³ But 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.

Acts 1:8 (NIV) 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.”

The rest of Acts is a *Ripple Effect* of this Great Event!

1 Thessalonians 1:8 (NIV) ⁸ The Lord’s message **rang out** from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it,

“**rang out**” is *EXECHEO* in Greek, it means to sound forth, to ripple

Ripple Effect - a situation in which one event causes a series of other events to happen (*Merriam-Webster*)

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NOTES

Room for what God says to you

1. We need Divine power.

Acts 1:8 (NIV) ⁸ But you will receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** comes on you;

John 16:7 (NIV) ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

John 14:16 (NIV) ²⁶ But the Advocate, the **Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

2. We are called to Show and Tell what He has done.

Acts 1:8 (NIV) and you will be **my witnesses**

2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV) ² And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

3. We need to be willing to Move .

Acts 1:8 (NIV) in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Matthew 28: 19-20 (NIV) ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”