



NEW TESTAMENT • HISTORY

Acts

The Spirit sends the church outward.

AUTHORSHIP · Traditionally Luke, continuing the account begun in his Gospel.

DATE & CONTEXT · Often dated AD 70–90; dates vary.

The big picture

Acts follows the good news from Jerusalem toward Rome. The Holy Spirit empowers a diverse community to pray, share, endure opposition, and bear witness to the risen Jesus. Boundaries are crossed as Samaritans and Gentiles enter the church. Peter and Paul serve prominent roles, but the story belongs to God’s mission rather than a single hero. Disagreements and failures reveal a growing community learning to live the gospel together.

Words to carry

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me”

Acts 1:8 · KJV · excerpt

Live it

01 Pray for courage to speak about your faith with gentleness.

02 Share a resource with someone in need.

03 Listen to a believer whose cultural background differs from yours.

Pause & reflect

Which boundary might God be inviting me to cross in love?

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