

Acts 28 Pastor David Goodwin 11/24/2024

WITNESSES

Acts of the Apostles



The book of Acts is about those who are far from God being brought near to God. It is the ministry of reconciliation on display.

Jesus...

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed... Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches..."

The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough." (Mt 13:31-33)

Acts 27:24-25

'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar, and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.

Philippians 1:12-13

"Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ."

6 Lessons from Acts

- God's Biggest Gamble is Jesus' Ascension when he commissions us to be his Spirit-empowered witnesses to the world.
- If we are faithful in difficult circumstances, Jesus as King can be on display
- New life is possible by God's grace through faith in Jesus
- In Jesus people with impossible differences can be held together
- Confessing Jesus as Lord is in opposition to the idolatry of the world and the idols of our own hearts
- God isn't telling you to produce results; God is asking you to be faithful.

What do we call these Jesus people?

In Acts they are called:

- ✓ Disciple (x26) - individuals
- ✓ Brothers & Sisters (x19) - individuals
- ✓ Christian (x2) - individuals
- ✓ Church (x21) - group
- ✓ "The Way" (x5) - group
- ✓ Nazarene sect (x1) - group

