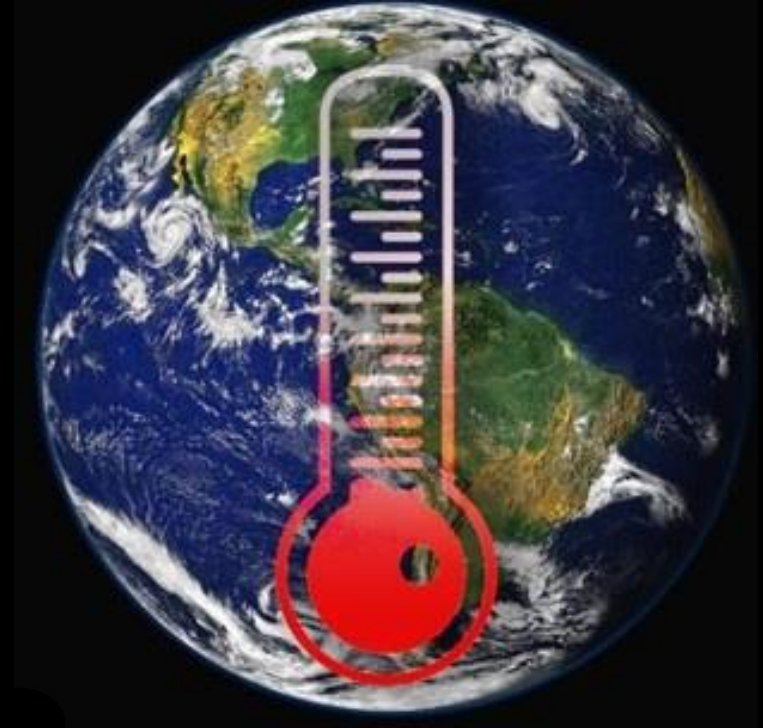


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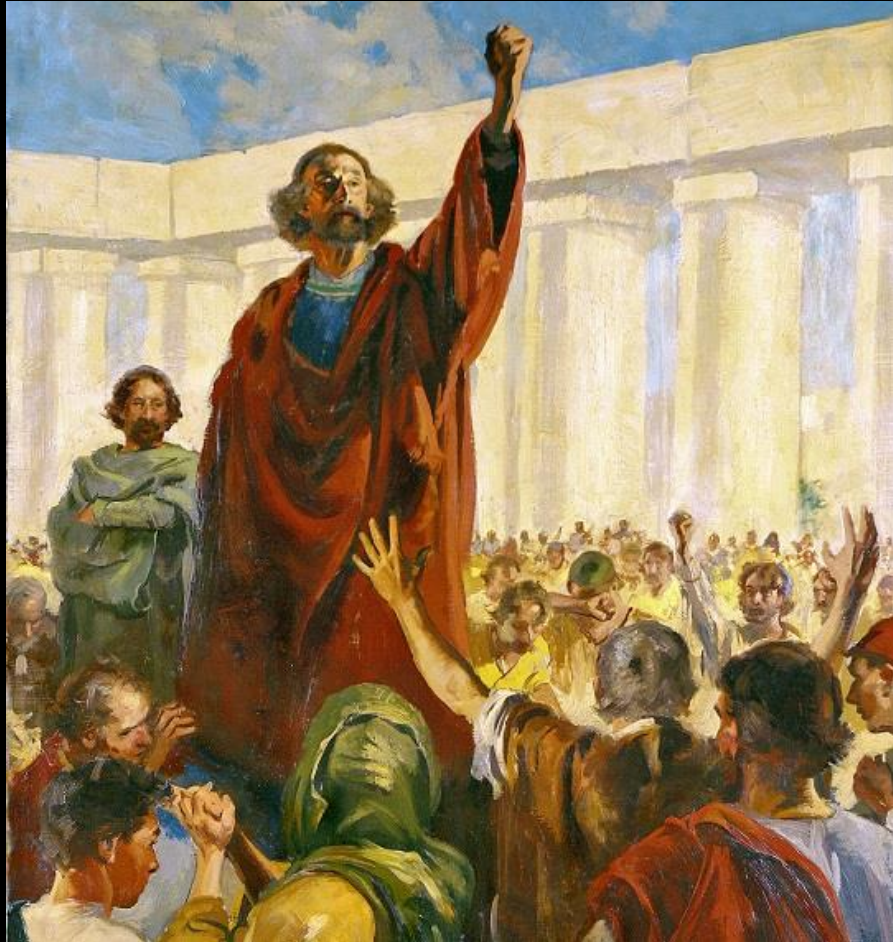
Acts 2:14-41

The Book of Acts

- The 1 Degree Rule: What can I do this week to raise my evangelistic temperature by 1 degree?
- Acts: *“The Continuing Words and Deeds of Jesus by his Spirit through his Apostles”* - John Stott
- We are inheritors of this message, inheritors of this mission - and it's not mission impossible!



The Power of the Spirit

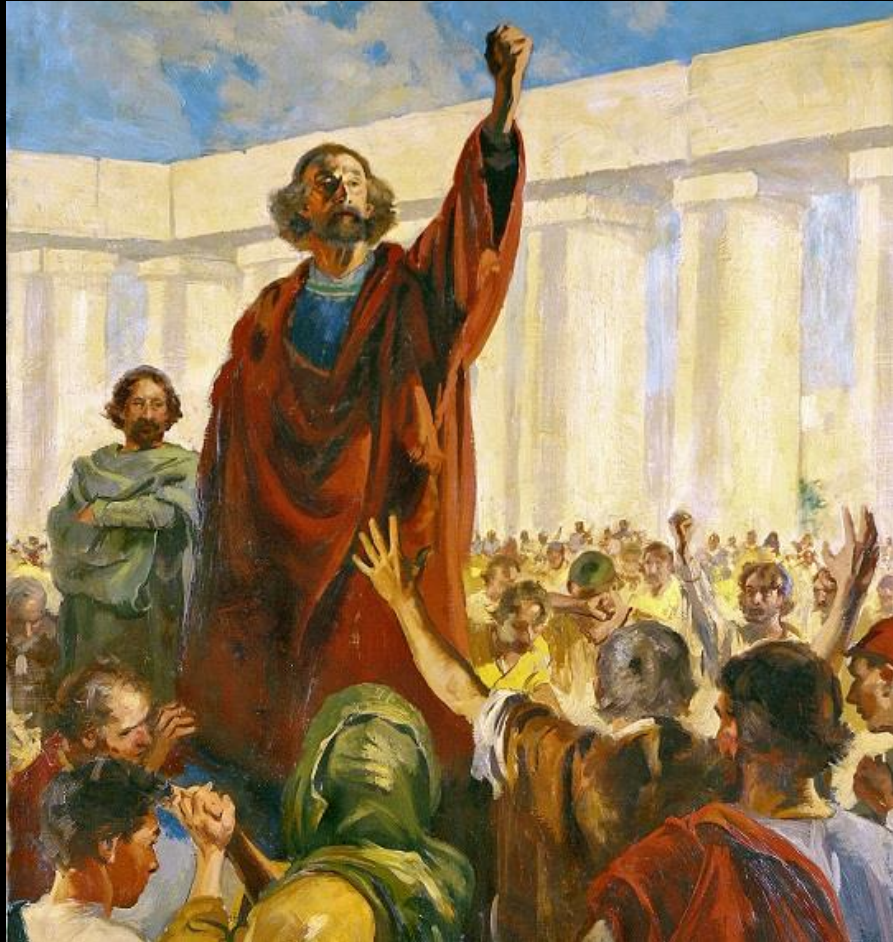


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The Power of the Spirit

Acts	2:1–47	3:1–26	8:26–39	10:1–48	13:14–52	14:6–20	17:16–34
Occasion	Day of Pentecost	Temple gate healing	Philip, the Ethiopian	Cornelius's home	Pisidian synagogue	At Lystra	At Athens
Audience	Palestinian & dispersion Jews	Jerusalem Jews	God-fearers	God-fearers	Dispersion Jews and God-fearers	Gentiles	Intellectual Gentiles
How attention is won	Tongues attract the crowd; Peter uses that to lead into the gospel (4–21)	Healing aroused interest (1–10); Peter says it was done by faith in Jesus' name (11–16)	Do you understand what you are reading? An invitation (30–31)	God working directly through a vision (1–6)	As visitors they are invited to speak (15)	Through a healing (8–11)	Socrates' method (dialogue in marketplace) in Athens (17); Religiosity as stepping stone (22–23); Quoting their poets (28)

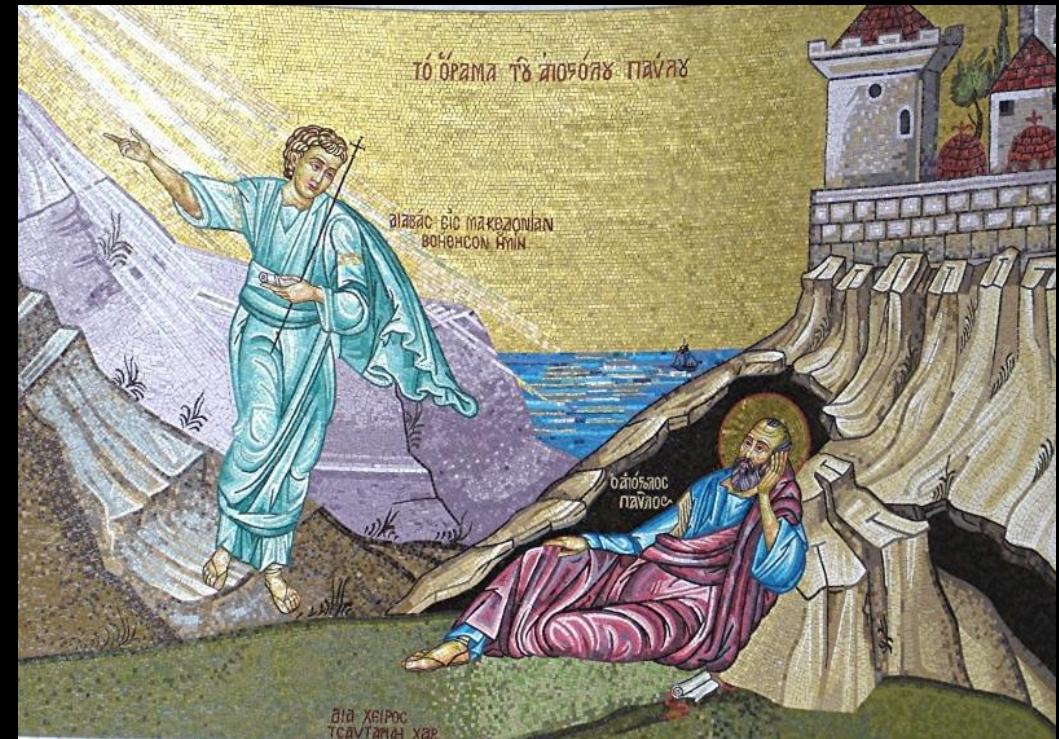
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- Principle: Use a springboard to get into conversation

The Power of the Spirit

- Joel 2:28-32
- **Dreams**
 - ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil.
- 1 Thes. 5:20-22
 - Journaling - Meaning - Community



Chat to your neighbour

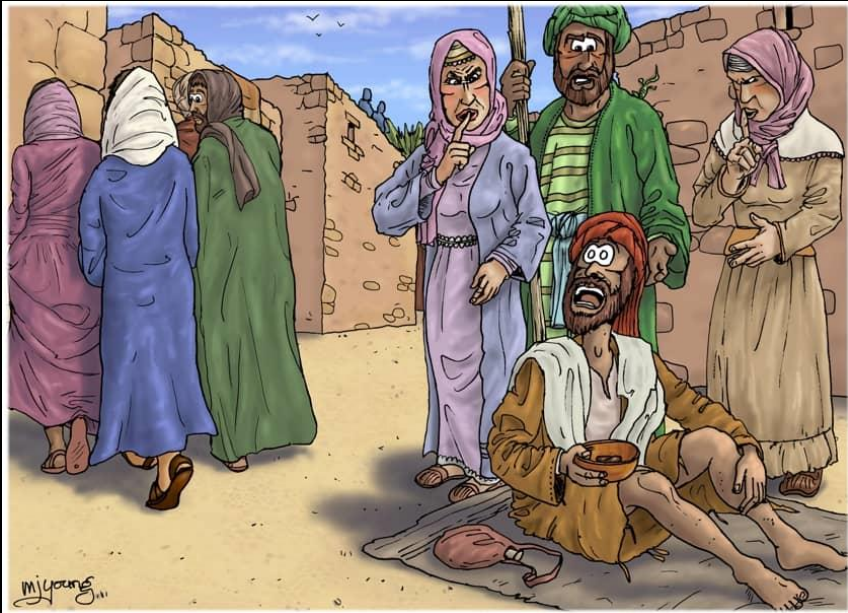
Have you had a significant dream perhaps from God or something else that you can recall?

The Power of the Spirit

- **The Spirit-empowered life**
 - *“Jesus, take the wheel”*
 - *“Give me gas in my tank, keep me driving.”*
 - *“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”*
 - God Spirit empowers us and guides us through God’s Word but we do the driving.



The Story of the Son



- What do you learn about Jesus in Peter's sermon?
- This is the gospel message!
- Invite a friend to read the Bible with you
- The Swedish questions:
 - What do you notice?
 - What questions do you have?
 - What action point is there to take?

The Story of the Son

- Notice the use of Scripture in Peter's message
- Principle: Know your audience so you can connect with them and adapt your message to suit their culture and understanding
- God's sovereignty in Peter's preaching. Peter makes it clear that it was God's plan from the beginning



The Growth of the Church



- The people were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” (37)
- Peter calls on them to repent and be baptised
- Baptism - ACPC101

The Growth of the Church

- Peter's confession and Jesus' response - Matthew 16:13-20
- Peter's epic fail, his restoration and transformation
- As a result of this message, 3000 people believe and the church is underway.



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Response to the message	3000 added (41)	Leaders are disturbed and arrest Peter and John and try them (4:1-3, 5-22); Many believe, and the number grows to 5000 (4:4)	A request to be baptized (36); He goes on his way rejoicing (39)	Holy Spirit comes on all who heard; speaking in tongues (44-46); Jewish believers astonished (45)	Invited to speak again (42); Some follow and talk (43); A big crowd next time but Jews oppose (44-45); Gentile converts (48);	Jews from nearby towns win over the crowd. Paul stoned, presumed dead and dragged out of city (19)	Some sneer at resurrection (32); Some want to hear more (32); Few believe (34)

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The Growth of the Church



- It's been a long
A long time comin', but I know
A change gon' come
Oh, yes it will.

• Sam Cooke