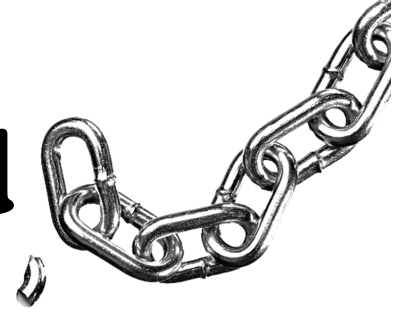


Unhindered

Lessons from the book of Acts



He is returning

Acts 1:10-11

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Q. What would you like to change before Jesus returns?

Q. What would it take for you to make this change?

Both are needed

Acts 2:37-39

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Q. What do you think it means to repent?

Q. Why do you think Peter coupled repentance and baptism to receive forgiveness of sins?

No one else

Acts 4:12, 18-20

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

Q. Why do people believe that there are other paths to salvation other than through Jesus?

Q. In what ways can you be more obedient to Jesus like John and Peter were?

Prayer

Acts 16:22-25

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

Q. What enabled Paul & Silas to sing and pray in such a dire situation?

Q. What stops you from singing / praying?

Biblical nobility

Acts 17:11-12

Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

Q. What two actions made it clear that the Bereans were of noble character?

Q. How does your eagerness to please God show in your life?

Wanting to know

Acts 18:24-26

Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.

Q. Why is it important for us to have an accurate understanding of the gospel?

Q. How are you striving to know the Lord?

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