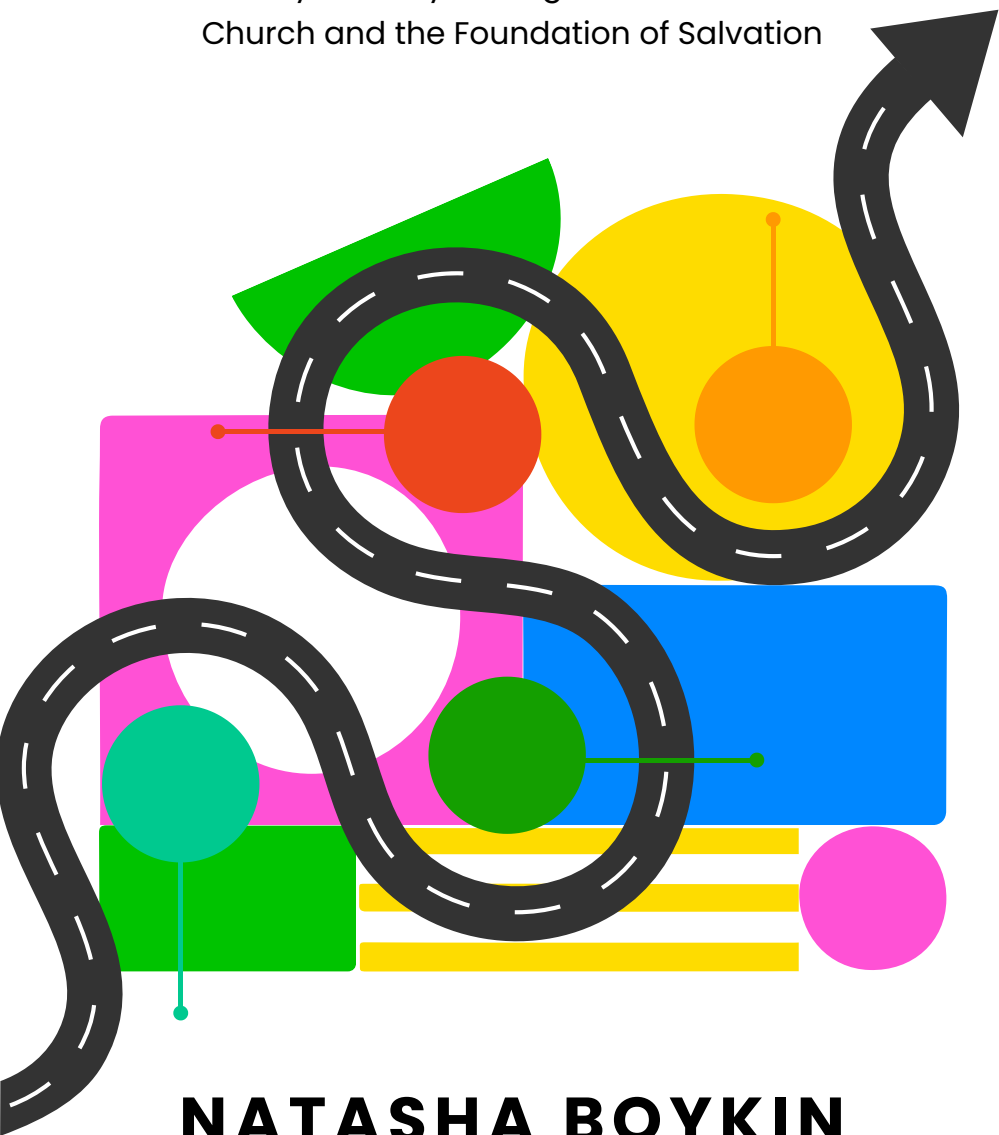




# BACK TO ACTS 2

A Daily Journey Through the Birth of the  
Church and the Foundation of Salvation



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# Back to the Basics

Have you ever wondered how the church began? I have  . Guess what? The Bible tells us how it all happened. The Church began with the Spirit of God filling obedient hearts. Acts 2 shows you where your faith comes from and what your faith must look like. This guide walks you through each passage with simple clarity. You will read the Word, reflect on the Word, and respond to the Word.

You will see how God moved. You will see how the gospel spread. You will see how salvation works. You will see how the Church lived. Then you will ask how your life can match what God revealed.

Each day will give you Scripture to read, key terms to understand, a short summary, cross references, and reflection questions. Take your time. Ask God to cut away anything that does not honor Him. Ask God to strengthen what needs to grow.

Your goal is simple. Behave like the people who were filled with the Spirit. Walk in obedience. Stay devoted. Live with unity. Give with joy. Speak with boldness. Continue the work that began in Acts 2.

This is your journey. Start with a willing heart. End with a changed life.

# DAY 1–WAIT UNTIL YOU RECEIVE POWER

## Acts 1:1–11

Summary: Jesus commanded His followers not to move until the Father's promise arrived. The Spirit would come to equip. Obedience prepared them for power.

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### Key Words

- Epangelia (eh-pan-GE-lee-ah) – Promise.
  - Dynamis (DOO-nah-mees) – Power, divine ability.
  - Martys (MAR-toos) – Witness, one who testifies by life and word.
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### Take-aways

- Waiting is alignment.
  - The Spirit empowers obedience and witness.
  - Purpose begins in prayer.
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### Cross References

- Luke 24:49
  - Isaiah 40:31
  - Zechariah 4:6
  - John 14:16–17
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### Reflection Questions

1. What does obedience look like while you wait?
2. Where are you relying on strength instead of the Spirit?
3. How will you testify when power comes?



# DAY 2–THE SOUND FROM HEAVEN

## Acts 2:1–4

Summary: The day of Pentecost arrived, and the Spirit filled every believer. Wind and fire marked the beginning of the Church—the dwelling of God in His people.

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### Key Words

- Pnoe (P'noh-eh) – Breath or wind.
  - Glōssa (GLOH-sah) – Language or tongue.
  - Plēthō (PLAY-tho) – Filled completely.
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### Take-aways

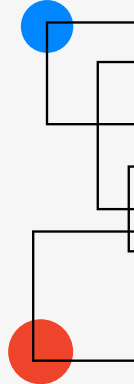
- God moved in unity.
  - The Spirit's presence purifies and empowers.
  - Tongues were real languages showing that the gospel is for all people.
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### Cross References

- Genesis 2:7
  - Joel 2:28–29
  - John 3:8
  - 1 Corinthians 12:13
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### Reflection Questions

1. Are you creating unity or division where you gather?
2. What needs the fire of purification in your life?
3. Do your words bring clarity or confusion?



# DAY 3–THE MULTITUDE AND THE MESSAGE

## Acts 2:5–13

Summary: The sound from Heaven drew a crowd from every nation. Some believed, some mocked, but all heard. The miracle was both in speaking and in hearing.

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### Key Words

- Ochlos (OKH-los) – Crowd or multitude.
  - Dialektos (dee-ah-LEK-tos) – Dialect or local language.
  - Diachleuazō (dee-akh-lyoo-AH-zo) – To mock or ridicule.
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### Take-aways

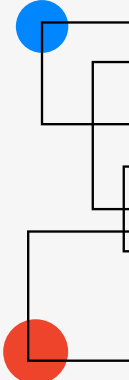
- The Spirit draws sincere seekers.
  - Faith comes by hearing, not hype.
  - God uses ordinary voices for extraordinary truth.
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### Cross References

- Genesis 11:1–9
  - Joel 2:28–29
  - Romans 10:17
  - 1 Corinthians 1:27
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### Reflection Questions

1. How do you respond when God moves—curiosity or mockery?
2. Does your witness produce clarity about Christ?
3. Do you trust God to use your voice even if others doubt you?



# DAY 4-PETER STANDS AND SPEAKS

## Acts 2:14-21

Summary: Peter, once fearful, now stands boldly. Quoting Joel, he explains that the outpouring of the Spirit fulfills God's ancient promise.

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### Key Words

- Hístēmi (HIS-tay-mee) – To stand firm.
  - Prophēteuō (pro-fay-TEH-oo-o) – To speak forth God's truth.
  - Epikaleō (ep-ee-ka-LEH-o) – To call upon for rescue.
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### Take-aways

- The Spirit replaces fear with courage.
  - Prophecy is truth spoken under divine direction.
  - The invitation of salvation extends to everyone who calls on the Lord.
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### Cross References

- Joel 2:28-32
  - Luke 22:56-60
  - Acts 1:8
  - Romans 10:13
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### Reflection Questions

1. What fear still silences your witness?
2. How do you answer confusion-with opinion or Scripture?
3. Have you personally called on the name of the Lord?



# DAY 5–THE MESSAGE OF THE MESSIAH

## Acts 2:22–36

Summary: Peter declares Jesus as both Lord and Christ. His death was God's plan, His resurrection the proof, and His exaltation the announcement that He reigns.

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### Key Words

- Apodeidegmenon (ah-po-day-DAY-gmeh-non) – Proven, demonstrated.
  - Anistēmi (ah-NEE-stay-mee) – To rise or stand again.
  - Kyrios (KOO-ree-os) – Lord, Master.
  - Christos (KHREES-tos) – Anointed One.
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### Take-aways

- Miracles verified Jesus' identity.
  - The cross was not defeat but design.
  - Resurrection proves power, exaltation proves authority.
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### Cross References

- Isaiah 53:10
  - Psalm 16:8–11
  - Psalm 110:1
  - Acts 4:12
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### Reflection Questions

1. Do you know Jesus as Savior or as Lord?
2. Has His resurrection changed your direction?
3. How can you proclaim His authority in your sphere?



# DAY 6-CUT TO THE HEART

## Acts 2:37-41

Summary: The message pierced hearts. True conviction led to repentance, baptism and forgiveness. The Church grew by obedience, full stop.

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### Key Words

- Katanussō (kah-tah-NOOS-so) – To pierce deeply.
  - Metanoeō (meh-tah-no-EH-oh) – To change mind and direction.
  - Baptizō (bap-TEE-zo) – To immerse or submerge.
  - Aphesis (AH-feh-sis) – Forgiveness, release.
  - Dōrea (do-REH-ah) – Free gift.
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### Take-aways

- Conviction is God's mercy that leads to change.
  - Repentance and baptism are the doorway to forgiveness.
  - The promise of the Spirit is for every generation.
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### Cross References

- John 16:8
  - Romans 6:3-4
  - John 3:5
  - Isaiah 49:6
  - Exodus 32:28
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### Reflection Questions

1. Has God's Word ever cut your heart to truth?
2. Have you responded with repentance or resistance?
3. How has the Spirit's promise changed your walk?





# DAY 7–THE DEVOTED CHURCH

## Acts 2:42–47

Summary: The new believers lived as one body—devoted, generous, joyful, and steadfast. Their unity displayed God’s power more loudly than words.

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### Key Words

- Proskartereō (pros-kar-teh-REH-oh) – Continue steadfastly.
  - Koinōnia (koy-no-NEE-ah) – Fellowship, shared life.
  - Klasis tou artou (KLAH-sees too AR-too) – Breaking of bread.
  - Proseuchai (pro-sew-KHAI) – Prayers.
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### Take-aways

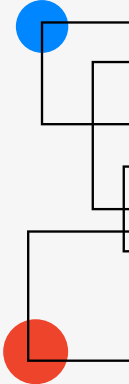
- Doctrine grounds devotion.
  - Fellowship expresses faith.
  - Joy and generosity mark Spirit-filled living.
  - God adds growth where believers live His Word.
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### Cross References

- Colossians 3:16
  - 1 John 3:17
  - Galatians 5:22
  - John 13:35
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### Reflection Questions

1. Does your daily life reflect devotion or distraction?
2. What does generosity look like in your walk?
3. Would others recognize Christ in your community?



# DAY 8–STILL THE SAME SPIRIT

## Acts 3:1–10

Summary: The same Spirit who filled the upper room now moves through Peter and John. The power of Christ turns a lame man's hopelessness into praise.

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### Key Words

- Hieron (HEE-eh-ron) – Temple complex.
  - Hōraios (HO-rah-ee-os) – Beautiful, timely.
  - Blepō (BLEH-po) – To look with spiritual perception.
  - Egeirō (eh-GHEI-ro) – To raise or awaken.
  - Stereoo (steh-reh-OH-o) – To make firm or strong.
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### Take-aways

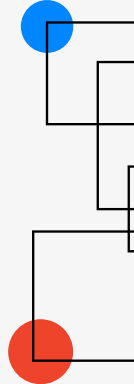
- Spirit-filled believers still pray, still move, still act.
  - Power in Jesus' name brings restoration to the broken.
  - What God restores, He stabilizes.
  - Witness is born when the world sees changed lives.
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### Cross References

- Luke 18:1
  - Romans 8:11
  - John 14:12–14
  - Isaiah 35:6
  - Acts 4:12
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### Reflection Questions

1. Do you live as though the same Spirit lives in you?
2. Who near you is waiting for a touch from God through your obedience?
3. How will you carry the fire of Acts 2 forward?



# The Journey Continues



Acts 2 does not end. It continues in every believer who walks in obedience. The same Spirit who filled the first disciples lives in you, if you belong to Christ. The same message that cut hearts then cuts hearts now. The same call to repent and be baptized still stands. The same devotion to the Word, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer still forms His Church today.

Your task is simple. Live what you learned. Share what you learned. Return to these passages often. Keep asking God to shape you through His Word. Keep asking God to use you as a witness. Keep asking God to guard your heart in a generation that rejects Him.

Carry the fire of Acts 2 into your home, your relationships, your work, and your worship. Let your life show that Jesus is Lord and Christ. Let your words point others to the same salvation you received.

Walk in unity. Walk in truth. Walk in the Spirit. The story of the Church began in Acts 2, but it continues in you.