THE BOOK OF ACTS DEVOTIONAL

WEEK FIVE

DAY ONE

SCRIPTURE Read Acts Chapter 17

QUESTIONS

- 1. Where was it that Paul always went when entering a new city? (Acts 17:1-2)
- 2. What was shouted about Paul and Silas by the troublemakers to the city officials?(Acts 17:6)
- 3. Who believed in Jesus in Berea and why is this significant? (Acts 17:12)

(Including Greeks as believers was still a new thing for the Jewish culture. Even bigger Luke goes out of his way to mention the prominent Greek women who believe. Women were rarely counted in those days. Luke wanted his audience to know that the Gospel was for all. Jews, greeks, men and women.)

PRAYER

Jesus, grant me courage to live my daily life with boldness. Let it be said of me "This person who turned the world upside down" has lived among us. Show me what it means to be bold in my everyday routine. I want to love you more. I want to be someone who is playing in the game, not just watching from the stands. I love You!

DAY TWO

SCRIPTURE

Re-Read Acts Chapter 17

QUESTIONS

1. 1. What unique way does Paul teach when speaking to the people of Athens? (This may take some work to figure out) (Acts 17:22-23 and 28)

(Paul uses THEIR gods and THEIR poets. Paul writes in Corinthians about how he becomes all things to all people in order to win them to Christ. We see an example of that here in this story. To not only know their culture but also their poetry shows how much of learned man Paul was).

2. Please journal 1 paragraph about what impacted and/or challenged you from what you read in Chapter 17.

PRAYER

Jesus, please use me to be all things to all people. Allow me to boldly share the gospel like Paul did. Let me love people with Your love . Allow me to feel Your heart for the people I come in contact with and do what I know to do to demonstrate what Your Kingdom is like.

DAY THREE

SCRIPTURE Read Acts Chapter 18

QUESTIONS

- 1. What cities did Paul travel to in this chapter? (Acts 18:1, Acts 18:18, Acts 18:9, Acts 18:22, Acts 18:23)
- 2. There are several major themes in the book of Acts. One of the big things that Luke is pointing out happens in the early part of this chapter. It is subtle and might be easy to miss. Do you know what it is? (Hint: I talked about it a little bit in my devotional). (Acts 18:6)
 - (Paul shakes out his clothes in protest to the Jews and says "From now on I will go to the Gentiles." This is a big deal because it means the Gospel is for all not just for the Jews. That means that you and I can now know Jesus (as non-Jews)
- 3. The Jews weren't only unkind to Paul. What did the Jews do to Sosthenes (a Jewish leader) when Rome wouldn't try or convict Paul? (Acts 18:14-17)

PRAYER

Jesus, Thank you for including me in the Gospel. Thank you for always having a plan that this good news wouldn't be only for one group of people. Help me to be willing to bring the gospel to everyone like Paul. Whether they are rich or poor, kind or unkind, influential or common. Give me a heart to include those I might have tried to exclude.

DAY FOUR

SCRIPTURE Re-Read Acts Chapter 18

QUESTIONS

- 1. 1. What surprising thing do Priscilla and Aquila do when Paul leaves Corinth for Ephesus? (Acts 18:18-19, 26)
- 2. What did Apollos preach that needed to be corrected? (Answer: 18:25)
- 3. What is the baptism of John? (Acts 19:4)
- 4. Please journal 1 paragraph about what impacted and/or challenged you from what you read in Chapter 18.

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you that you are faithful to bring correction. Help me to be like Apollos - fiery, passionate and in love with You. Also, help me to be receive correction like him. To take the instructions given to me and to change, without showing pride. Keep my heart pure and teachable. I want You to teach and correct me and I know You use people to do this. Help me to listen and respond.

DAY FIVE

SCRIPTURE Read Acts Chapter 19

QUESTIONS

- 1. What happened when Paul laid his hands on the new believers in Acts 19:6? Has this happened to you?
- 2. What was christianity called in the early days? (Acts 19:9)
- 3. What supernatural things were happening through Paul in Ephesus? (Acts 19:11-12)

PRAYER

Thank you for the gift you gave us of the Holy Spirit. Today, I want to receive a fresh baptism of your Spirit. I ask that right now, as I read this prayer that Your presence would wash over me. That Your love and joy would saturate me. Like the believers who received you for the first time I ask that You would come again. Thank you for Your goodness and that You take up residence inside of those who put their faith in You. I love you!

DAY SIX

SCRIPTURE Re-Read Acts Chapter 19

QUESTIONS

- What was one of the major events that happened in Ephesus when Revival broke out and the fear of the Lord struck the people? How did the people respond? (Acts19:17-20)
- 2. Is there anything in your life that you need to "confess and burn" like the Ephesians did? For your journaling today please take some time and ask the Lord to reveal anything to you that needs to be exposed gotten rid of and then write a little bit about it.

PRAYER

Jesus, I want to be wholly yours. I'm not coming to you out of a negative fear wondering if there is a hidden sin and if you're going to destroy me because of it. I'm coming to You because I love You and I want everything inside of me to be Yours. If there is anything that hinders my love to You please show me what it is and then help me to courageously expose this thing. Help me to confess it to people I trust in my life and then to take whatever measure necessary to "burn" it like the Ephesians did. I love you.

DAY SEVEN

SCRIPTURE Read Acts Chapter 20

QUESTIONS

- 1. One of the wildest stories happens in Acts 20:7-12. What is the event that happens? Would you have had faith to do what Paul did? Why or why not/how would you have responded?
- 2. Paul takes time to invest one last time into a group of leaders. What type of leaders are they and where are they from? (Acts 20:17)
- 3. What was it that made the elders so sad? (Acts 20: 36-38)
- 4. Please journal 1 paragraph about what impacted and/or challenged you from what you read.

PRAYER

I want to do the supernatural like You do. I want to be someone who has the courage to raise the dead like Paul did. I am Your child. I know the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead now lives inside of me so I ask that you would give me opportunities this week to pray for people who need a miracle. Let me see Your power flow through me to bring people brand new life.

BONUS

Now that you have read these 4 chapters see if you can answer these questions:

QUESTIONS

- 1. In my devotional I talked about a few role players Paul interacted with. Do you remember who they were? (Hint: there were five people I named specifically. 1 of them I talked about a lot). (Acts 17:5-9, Acts 18:1-3, Acts 19:29)
- 2. How long was Paul in each of these places he went? And what books of the Bible came because of his time there?

Thessalonica

Corinth

Ephesus

Greece (no book of the Bible was written that we have)

(Acts 17:2, Acts 18:1, Acts 19:10, Acts 20:3)