

Unstoppable (Acts 1:1–11)

You Will.

1. The Book of Acts is all about action. (1:1-2)

- a. This book (Luke part 2) records the unstoppable ongoing “Acts” of the Risen Christ through the Holy Spirit working through the infant Church (A.D. 33-A.D 62).
- b. Nothing that the deceiver attempted to do to slow down the momentum of the church succeeded, it just added to the momentum.
- c. Acts is full of motivating truths intertwined with the description of historical events of the early church.
 - i. The original apostles “sent ones” would play a significant and unique role in the establishment of the church.
 - ii. All believers are given the privilege and responsibility to participate in this mission.

2. We are better together. (Acts 1:3-8)

- a. Jesus confirmed His resurrection in many ways over 40 days, proving his claims that death could not stop Him. (John 2:19)
- b. After His departure, they were asked to wait together for Pentecost. Together with one another and with the Holy Spirit they would fulfill the duties and privileges of their mission. (John 16:4-11)
 - i. “The key to the apostles' successful fulfillment of Jesus' commission was their baptism with, and consequent indwelling by, the Holy Spirit. *Without* this divine enablement, they would only have been able to follow Jesus' example, but *with* it, Jesus could literally continue to do His “Acts” and teach His words through them.” Thomas Constable
 - ii. We have been called to be witnesses of what we have personally experienced.

"They were now to be witnesses, and their definite work was to bear testimony to their Master; they were not to be theologians, or philosophers, or leaders... but witnesses. (4:20)." W. H. Griffith Thomas

3. This is not a time for us to hesitate. (1:9-11)

- a. Jesus was carried off to His rightful place.
- b. The angels wanted to know why they were standing around, it was time to act.

Take it home:

1. The inevitability of Christ followers bearing His message of hope contains both a challenge and a warning for us.
2. A witness simply shares their experience with others.
3. Words are necessary.