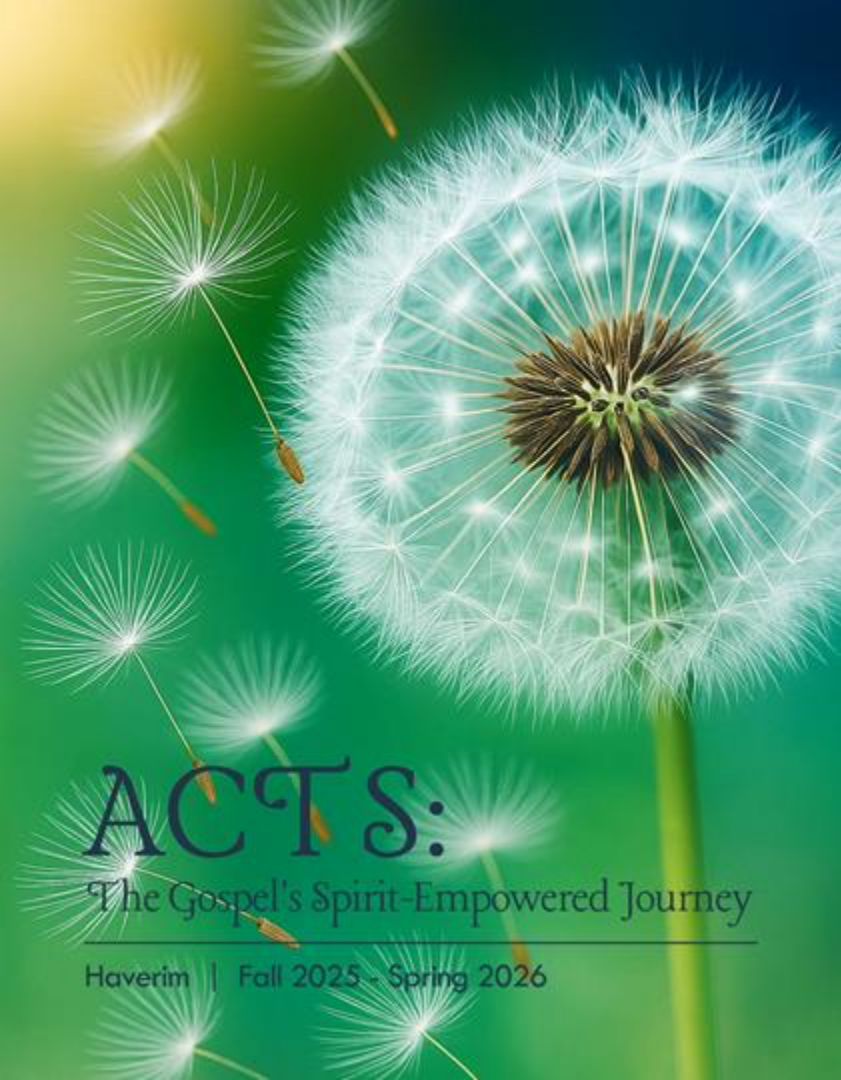


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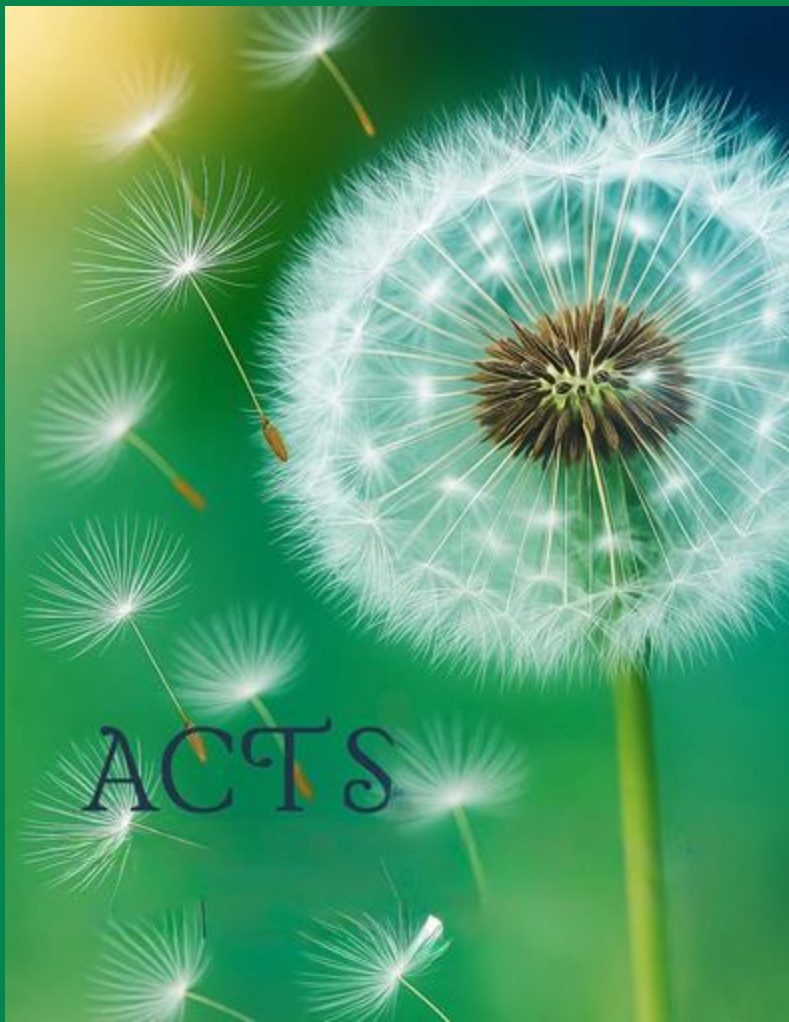


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Joshua 7:1-26 – Achan’s plunder

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Gen. 19:26 – Lot’s wife becomes pillar of salt

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Compare Judas and Ananias & Sapphira:

- Satan-inspired, nefarious conspiracies
- Root of all evil: the love of money
- Deception **within** community of believers
- Notorious deaths

Live a faithful life, obedient to the Holy Spirit



Deception, Devotion, & Dissension

Apostles' hardships:

- Jailed
- Flogged
- Threatened not to speak about Jesus

Apostles' response:

- Joy
- Never stopped proclaiming Good News



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Church growth led to:

- Greater need
- Grievances between Hellenist and Hebrew factions
- Problem-solving

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Bottom Line

~~Deception~~ – Be honest & obedient to the Holy Spirit

Devotion - You're an important part of the ongoing story to spread the Gospel everywhere.

~~Dissension~~ – Prioritization & Delegation = Reunification



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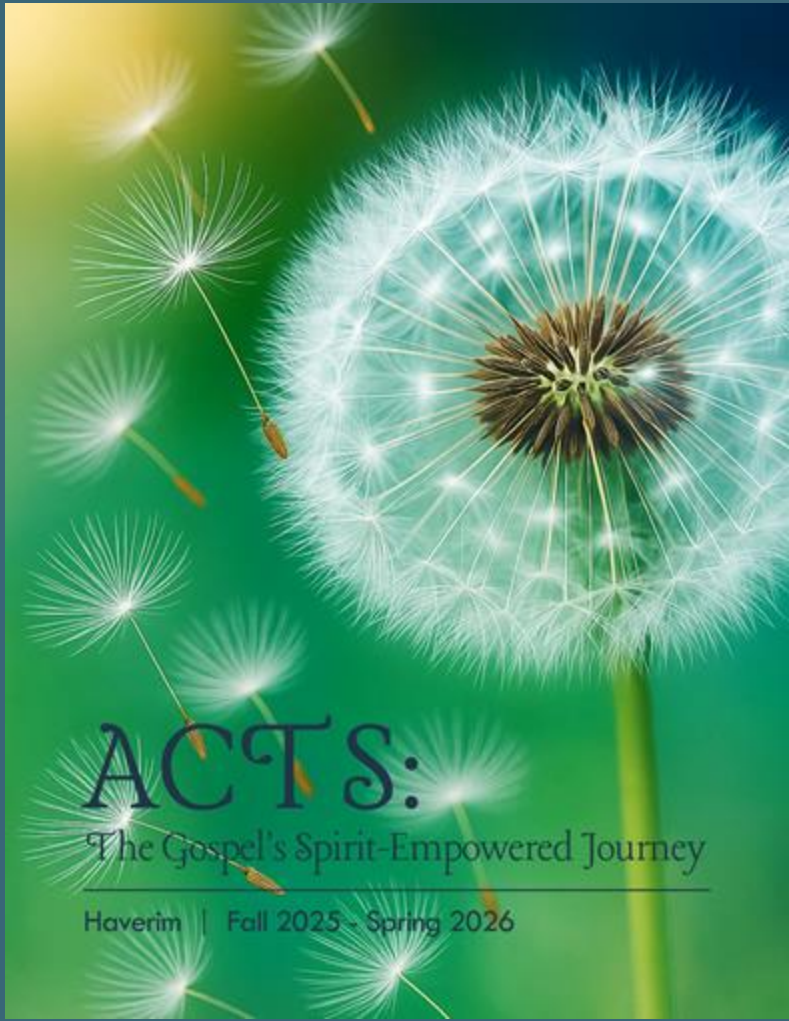
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