





ACTS:

The Gospel's Spirit-Empowered Journey

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Acts 15:2-4

...So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers...welcomed by the church and they declared all that God had done with them.

Brought Great Joy

Step by Step by Rich Mullins

(Verse)

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

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(Chorus)

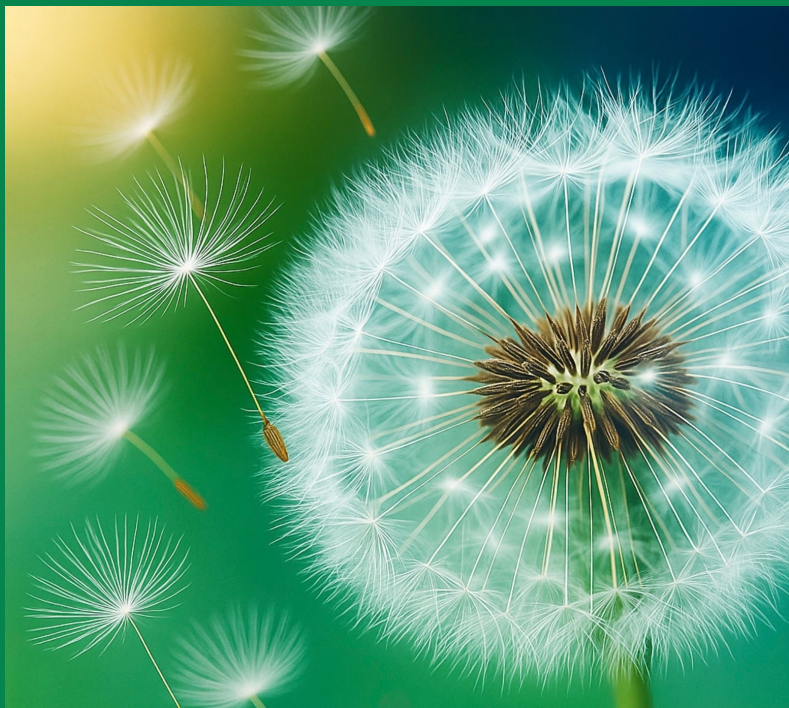
I will seek You in the morning, and learn to walk in Your ways,

And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

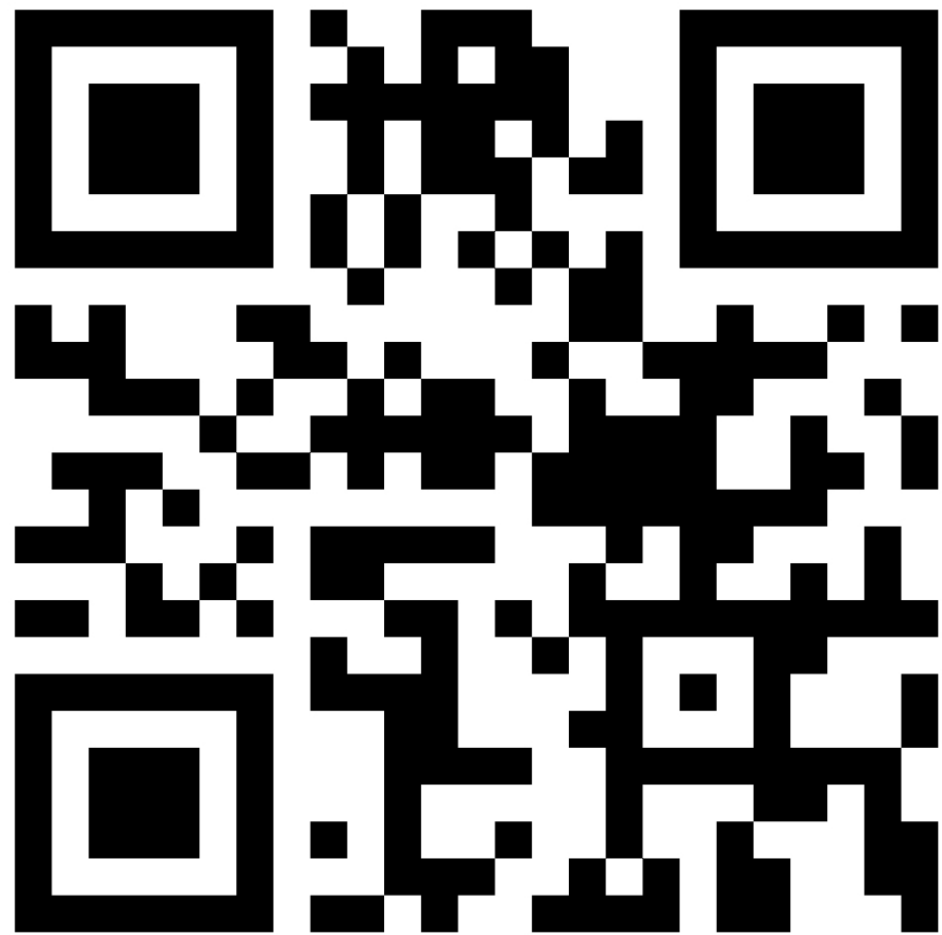


Acts 1-14 Key Events

- Jesus after resurrection; ascension
- Pentecost/Holy Spirit given
- Peter & John heal the lame beggar & are arrested; go before council
- Unity among new Christians
- Opposition to Gospel
- Stephen stoned
- Gospel to Gentiles/Peter's vision
- Conversion of Saul to Paul
- Apostle James killed; Peter imprisoned
- Paul's 1st Missionary Journey



What's in the Bible?
Paul's Missionary Journeys
Excerpt from Volume 11





Lesson Outline

- Jerusalem Council
(Community in Church)
- Encouraging others by sharing
what God is doing
- Community in Disagreements
- Relationship with the Holy
Spirit

Which James??

- James the brother of Jesus
- A central leader of the church in Jerusalem



Jerusalem Council

Paul/Barnabas debate men in Antioch

P & B sent to Jerusalem

Circumcision debate among Believers

Peter speaks: ***Saved by grace!!***

Paul & Barnabas share stories of Gentile conversions

- James delivers the ruling of the council: ***Jesus is enough!!***
- Ephesians 4:22-24...Put off your old self which belongs to your former manner of life...put on the new self, created in God's likeness.

Acts 15:31

And when they had read
it they rejoiced because
of its *encouragement*...
& *strengthened* the
brothers with many
words.

A Letter is Sent





Community through Encouragement/Sharing Our Stories

- Acts 15:3
- Acts 15:4
- Acts 15:12
- Acts 15:31-32
- Acts 16:4-5



Community During Disagreements

“It simply shows once again what the gospel message itself massively demonstrates: that God can take the greatest human folly & sin & bring great good from it. –NT Wright

Some Jews cause uproar & attack Jason's House seeking for Paul & Silas

Thessalonica

Bereans receive the Word

Paul speaks at the Areopagus

Paul meets
Aquila & Priscilla
Paul brought
before Gallio

Lydia & her household believe
Paul & Silas beaten & thrown in jail
Jailer and his household believe

Paul called to preach in Macedonia

Paul forbidden by the Spirit to preach in Asia & Bithynia

ASIA

Timothy joins Paul & Silas

Paul & Barnabas divided over John Mark
Barnabas & John Mark sail to Cyprus
Paul & Silas go through Syria and Cilicia

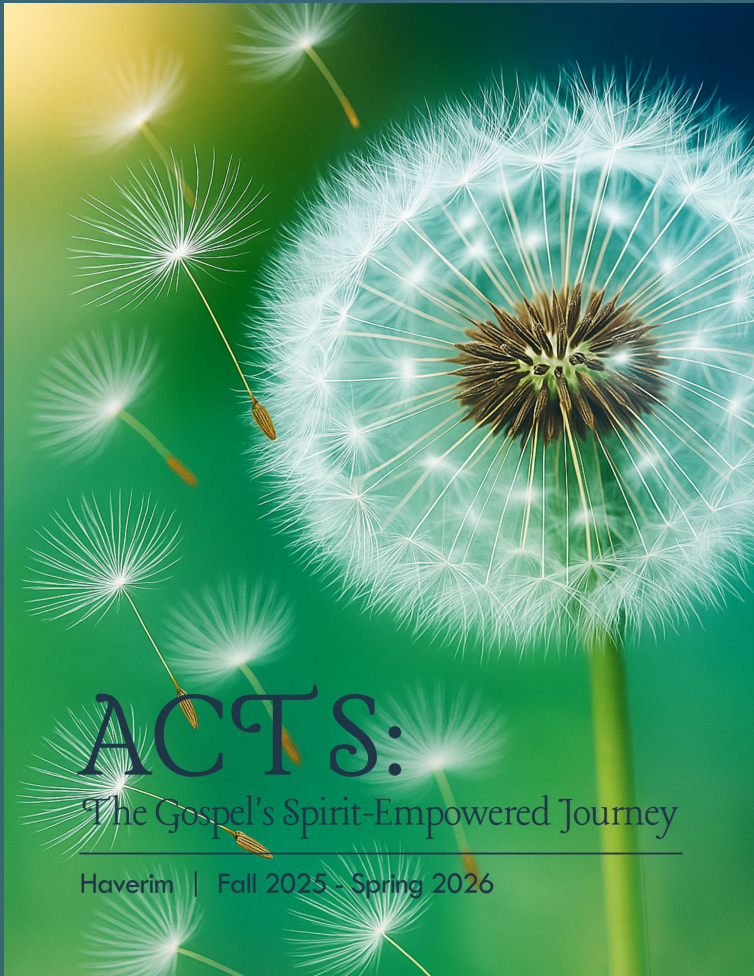
PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 15:36 - 18:22

● City
 ● One of the "Seven Churches of Asia" - Rev. 2-3
 ← Paul's Route

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**“If the Bible is the book,
our lives are the movie
for those around us to
see Christ.”**

–Jason Salyer

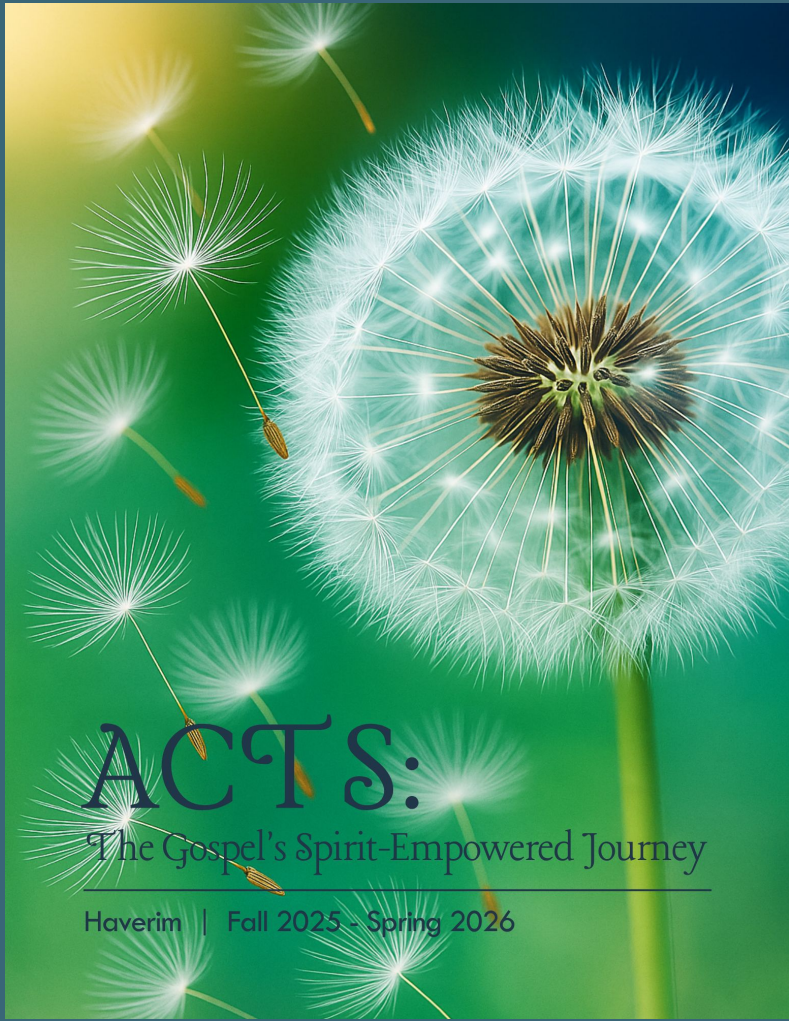


- James 2:10...*For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in just one point...*
- Jeremiah 31:33...*I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts...*
- Proverbs 3:5...*and do not lean on your own understanding...*
- Jeremiah 17:9...*The heart is deceitful above all things...*

Step By Step You'll Lead Me...

John 16:13

Romans 8:28...*for those
who love God all things
work together for good...*



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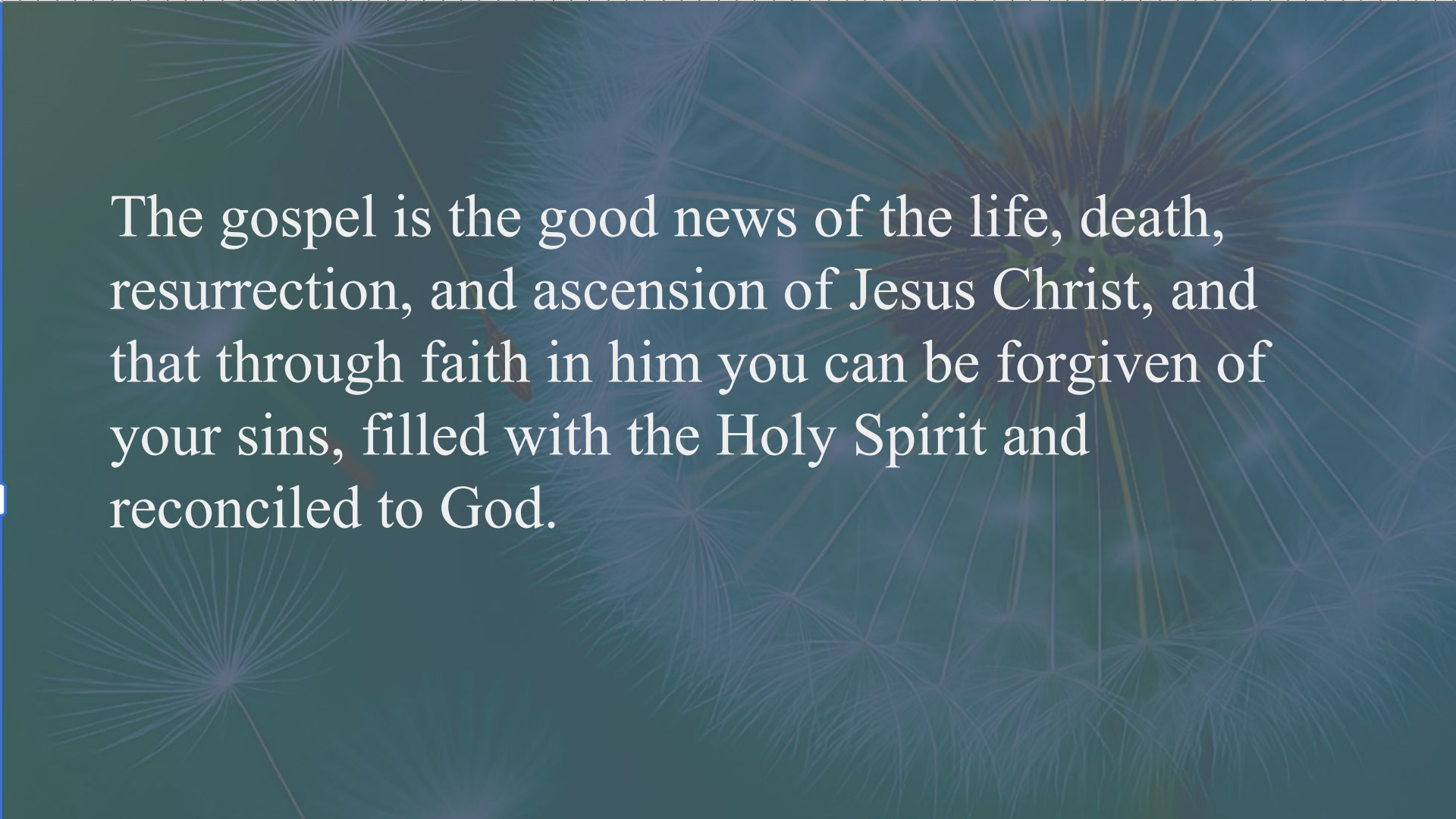
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The gospel is the good news of the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and that through faith in him you can be forgiven of your sins, filled with the Holy Spirit and reconciled to God.