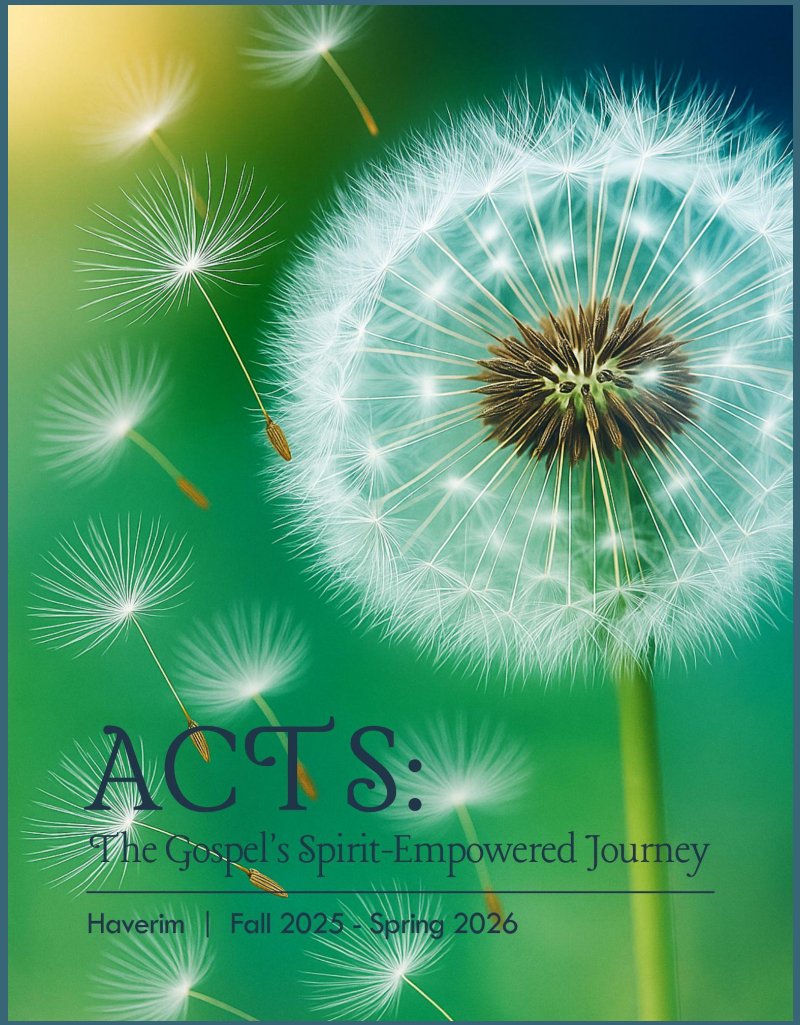

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ACTS 1:8

...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

ACTS 28:14

And so we came to Rome.



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Acts 27-28

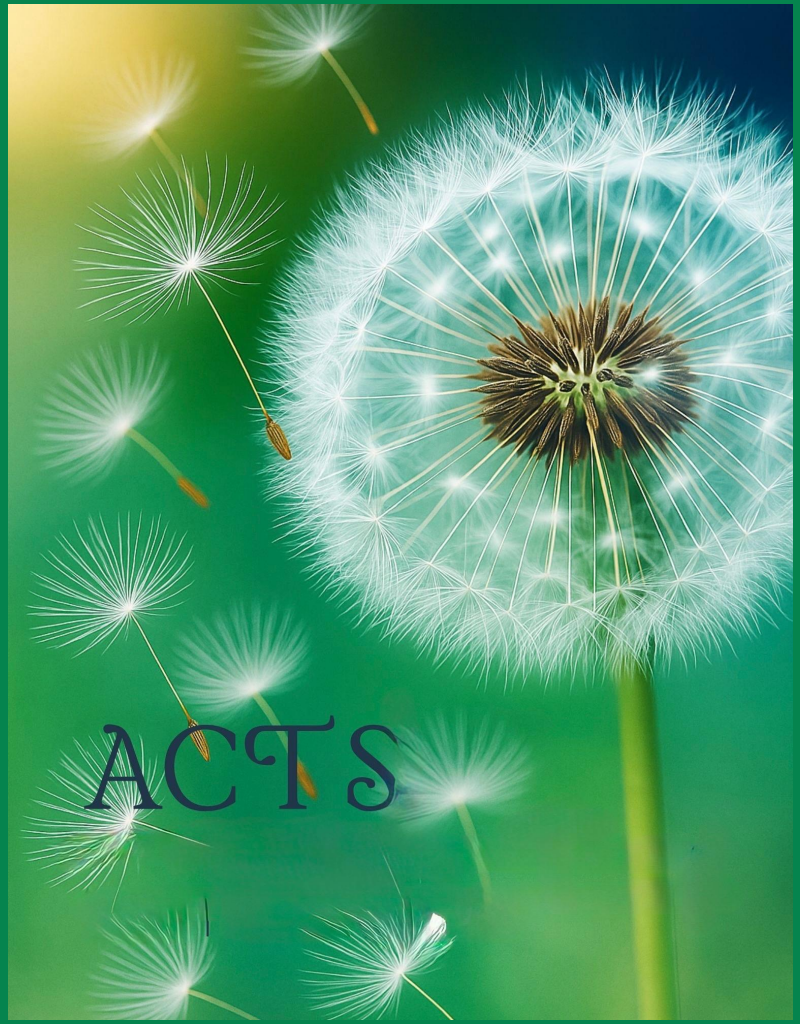
- Spirit-Empowered Journey of the Gospel
- Gospel conversations/ Sharing our stories
- The ongoing story of the Gospel spreading to every place

Bottom Line

Nothing can stop the Spirit-Empowered Journey of the Gospel


MAP OF PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME
Acts 27 & 28
City
One of the "Seven Churches"
Paul's Itinerary
ConformingToJesus.com
0 100 200 300 Miles
0 100 200 300 Kilometers
Paul preaches the Gospel for 2 yrs under house arrest as he awaits for his appeal to Caesar
Paul meets fellow believers and is encouraged
Paul bitten by a viper suffers no harm Many come to faith and are healed
Ship lost in storm All aboard swim safely to shore
Ship caught in storm 14 days tempest-tossed Hope to be saved given up Paul encourages all aboard saying only ship will be lost
Paul's warning about the dangers of the voyage ignored
Change to a grain ship sailing to Italy
Paul boards a ship Sent to Rome to appeal to Caesar
Rome
Three Tavers
Appii Forum
Puteoli
Pompeii
Tarentum
Brundisium
Messina
Rhegium
Syracuse
MALTA
Phoenix
CRETE
Salmone
Lasea
CLAUDA
Fair Heavens
Cyrene
Myra
RHODES
Cnidus
Laodicea
Tarsus
Antioch
Sidon
Caesarea Maritima
Antipatris
Jerusalem
Alexandria
Memphis
Amphipolis
Neapolis
Berea
Thessalonica
Byzantium
Pergamum
Thyatira
Smyrna
Sardis
Ephesus
Philadelphia
Delphi
Athens
Olympia
Sparta
CYCLADES ISLANDS
ITALY
ADRIATIC SEA
TYRRHENIAN SEA
AEGEAN SEA
MACEDONIA
THRACE
BLACK SEA
BITHYNIA & PONTUS
ASIA
GALATIA
CAPPADOCIA
PHRYGIA
CILICIA
COMMAGENE
PAMPHYLIA
LYCIA
ACHAIA
SICILY
Syrtis Minor
Syrtis Major
CYPRUS
SYRIA
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
CYRENAICA
EGYPT
JUDEA
NABATEA
Tiber River
Euphrates River
Orontes River
Jordan River
Dead Sea
Nile River


THE END



“...proclaiming the Kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.”

Acts 28:31

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ***teaching*** them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

Go into all the world and ***proclaim*** the gospel to the whole creation.

Mark 16:15

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KEY EVENTS IN ACTS

Key Events in Acts 1-7

- Jesus commissions His disciples and ascends to heaven
- Peter and John preach in the temple courts and are arrested
- Ananias and Sapphira die
- Stephen Martyred

Key Events in Acts 8-12

- Philip preaches to the Ethiopian Eunuch
- Paul is converted on the road to Damascus
- Peter preaches to Cornelius, the Roman Centurion
- Peter is imprisoned but freed by an angel.

Key Events in Acts 13-20

- Paul and Barnabas' first missionary journey
- Jerusalem council
- Paul and Silas imprisoned in Philippi
- Paul's second and third missionary journeys

Key Events in Acts 21-28

- Paul on trial before the Jewish council, Felix, Festus and imprisoned for two years
- Sent to Caesar
- Shipwreck on Malta
- Arrival in Rome



Category	Acts 13 – Antioch in Pisidia	Acts 14 – Lystra	A Family Member/Friend	A Frequently Seen Acquaintance
Information about Audience/ person	Primarily Jews and God-fearing Gentiles in the synagogue (Acts 13:14–16).	Gentile pagans, worshipers of Greek gods, in a public setting (Acts 14:8–13)		
Conversation Setting	Synagogue on the Sabbath where Scripture was read (Acts 13:14–15).	Marketplace or open area where Paul healed a crippled man (Acts 14:8–10)		
Common Ground	Began with Israel's history — Abraham, Moses, David(Acts 13:17–23).	Began with creation and nature — pointing to the living God who created all things (Acts 14:15–17)		
Truth about God	- God's faithfulness to Israel through history (13:17–22); other examples: Acts 13:23; Acts 13:24-25; Acts 13:27-37; Acts 13:38-39	- God is the Creator and Sustainer, not one of many gods (14:15); Other examples: Acts 14:17; Acts 14:15;		
Scripture to Share/ Motivating Scripture	Heavy use of Old Testament references: - Psalm 2:7 (Acts 13:33) - Isaiah 55:3 (Acts 13:34) - Psalm 16:10 (Acts 13:35)	No Scripture quoted. Paul used natural revelation (creation) as a witness to God's truth (principle found in Psalm 19) (Acts 14:15–17)		
Bottom Line in the Conversation	The fulfillment of God's promises in Jesus Christ and justification by faith	The revelation of the true Creator to idol-worshiping Gentiles and a call to turn from false gods		

Category	Acts 17:16-34 Paul's Athens Sermon	A Family Member/ Friend	Acts 18:18-27 (Apollos') Mentorship	A Family Member/ Friend
Info about the Audience/ Person	Men of Athens, Greek Philosophers, Jews and Gentiles (Acts 17:22-23)		Alexandrian, educated, well-versed in Scriptures, passionate, incomplete Gospel knowledge (Acts 18:24-25)	
Setting	The Areopagus (Acts 15:19-21)		Priscilla and Aquila's home (Acts 18:26)	
Common Ground	Altar inscribed, "To An Unknown god." (Acts 17:23)		Co-laborers in spreading the Gospel message (Acts 18:26)	
Truth about God	"God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth…" (Acts 17:24-27)		They explained the Way of God more accurately (Acts 18:26)	
Scripture to Share/ Motivating Topic	Paul quotes a Greek poet, not scripture. (Acts 17:28) You might use John 3:16 or Psalm 23		Moses/Joshua (Deut. 4:9) Naomi/Ruth (Book of Ruth) Barnabas/Paul (Acts 9:27) Paul/Timothy (Acts 16:1-5) Elizabeth/Mary (Luke 1-39-56)	
Bottom Line in the Conversation	Introduce Jesus, the Messiah, Mediator. (Acts 17:31)		Jesus/12 Disciples (The Gospels; esp. parables)	

Share Your Story

Section 1: Describe Your Conversion Experience

What was your life like before Christ?

How did you come to trust Christ? Describe your conversion experience.

How has your life changed after becoming a Christian?

Section 2: Describe How God Has Shaped Your Faith Over Time

Write about a moment when the Gospel became real to you or when you understood it more deeply.

Describe a struggle that God has been shaping you through (e.g., overcoming anger, learning to forgive others, growing in the fruits of the Spirit – Galatians 5:22-23).

Write about how you've seen God's faithfulness in different seasons of your life (e.g., how He answered a prayer, provided encouragement, or brought about comfort in a difficult situation).

Explain why your faith matters to you: why you love your faith, why you believe, what excites you about being a follower of Christ, and what aspects of your faith bring you joy (1 Peter 3:15).

Write about a theme that God has woven through your life (e.g., perseverance, redemption, identity) **and describe how God has worked in your life through that theme.**

Reference: https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/sharing-your-testimony/

Final Challenge

What might it look like to be a part of the ongoing story of the Gospel spreading to every place?

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.

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