




# September

## DAILY READINGS

As we embark upon our "Spirit and Truth" series, we are going to be looking at the work of the Holy Spirit in the Early Church throughout the book of Acts. Before your reading each day, meditate on Acts 1:8 , pray for one person to know Christ  and one person to grow in Him .

### Memorization & Meditation:

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."* Acts 1:8

## WEEK 1

### Sunday, September 1st

- [Sept 1] Acts 1:1-11 | Go to [www.thebibleproject.com/explore/acts](http://www.thebibleproject.com/explore/acts) and watch the first video. Write down anything that stands out to you.
- [2] Acts 1:12-26 | Just as Judas fulfilled scripture in his betrayal of Jesus, the disciples are fulfilling scripture in replacing him among the 12 disciples. How is the Spirit leading in the choosing process?
- [3] Acts 2:1-13 | What is your reaction as you read about this first recorded act of the Spirit coming in power?
- [4] Acts 2:14-41 | Peter was filled with the Spirit and shared the Gospel so boldly that 3,000 people gave their lives to Jesus. Ask the Lord to fill you with the Holy Spirit and show you where you can be bolder with the Gospel.
- [5] Acts 2:42-47 | What changes could you make to your own interactions with your spiritual community so that it reflects what we read about in v. 42-47?
- [6] Acts 3:1-10 | Read John 14:12-14. How are Peter and John living out these verses?
- [7] Acts 3:11-26 | Peter calls the Jews to repent in light of the Gospel (v.19). Ask Jesus to show you where you need to repent and ask forgiveness so you can "experience times of refreshing" (v.20).

## WEEK 2

### Sunday, September 8th

- [8] Acts 4:1-22 | Go to [www.thebibleproject.com/explore/holy-spirit](http://www.thebibleproject.com/explore/holy-spirit) and watch the video at the top of the page. Write down anything that stands out to you.
- [9] Acts 4:23-31 | The believers prayed for boldness and the building shook. Reflect on your prayer life. Are you praying powerful prayers and expecting a response? How can you grow in this area?
- [10] Acts 4:32-37 | How does the generosity of the early believers stir up your own heart and mind?
- [11] Acts 5:1-11 | This couple was severely punished, not for withholding but for lying about it before the Lord. What is your reaction to this intense story?
- [12] Acts 5:12-16 | The Holy Spirit was radiating out of Peter so powerfully that his shadow passing by was healing people. Spend some time reflecting on your beliefs about the Spirit's power to heal.
- [13] Acts 5:17-42 | Re-read v.29. Write about a time when you chose to obey God rather than man.
- [14] Acts 6:1-7 | New giftings were needed to serve the church. How can you use your unique giftings to serve your local church?



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## WEEK 3

### Sunday, September 15th

- [15] Acts 6:8-15 | Imagine being in the council and hearing the accusations but seeing Stephen's face. How would you respond?
- [16] Acts 7:1-53 | The Holy Spirit gave Stephen great wisdom for his speech. Have you ever experienced receiving wisdom from the Holy Spirit? If yes, what was that like?
- [17] Acts 7:54-60 | Stephen was the church's first martyr. What is your response to this scene?
- [18] Acts 8:1-3 | Look at where Saul started. Spend time praising God for His redemption in Saul's life and your own.
- [19] Acts 8:4-8 | The scattering of the church brought blessings to other cities. How has persecution in your own life turned into a blessing?
- [20] Acts 8:9-25 | Read Psalm 51:10 and Psalm 139:23-24. Spend time asking the Lord to search your heart and purify your motives toward Him.
- [21] Acts 8:26-40 | Have you ever heard the Spirit speak clear directions in your heart? Did you listen to them?

## WEEK 4

### Sunday, September 22nd

- [22] Acts 9:1-19 | Ananias was courageously obedient to go and pray for Saul. Can you think of a time when you or someone you know responded to God with courageous obedience?
- [23] Acts 9:20-25 | How do you think it would have felt to see such a strong persecutor of the Church start preaching the Gospel in public?
- [24] Acts 9:26-31 | What was it about the early church and its leaders that led it to such rapid growth and multiplication?
- [25] Acts 9:32-43 | How do these miracles expand or challenge your view of who Jesus is?
- [26] Acts 10:1-8 | God often uses unexpected people and means to advance His Gospel. How has the Lord worked in unexpected ways in your life?
- [27] Acts 10:9-23 | What do you think Peter's vision meant?
- [28] Acts 10:24-33 | God is making a big shift in this passage. Re-read v.28. What is the shift?

## WEEK 5

### Sunday, September 29th

- [29] Acts 10:34-43 | How is v.34 a comfort to you?
- [30] Acts 10:44-48 | The Holy Spirit falls on the Gentiles for the first time. Spend time praising the Lord for His generosity in sharing the Gospel with all peoples, nations, and tongues!



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