

ACTS

God Is Still Working Today

AT A GLANCE:

Our talk series, *ACTS, God Is Still Working Today*, is about the fifth book of the New Testament traditionally called the Acts of the Apostles.

The thesis of the entire series: The great work that God began in Acts continues to this day—and you're part of this story.

AFTER THE SERIES:

What happened to the Apostles is happening to us. Because God has not changed. Whatever God did in the past, He's still doing it today. And if you open your heart to Him, He'll do amazing work in your life.

Talk 2: "Problem "

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

Talk 2 is titled Problem because it deals with problems— the bad things that happen to us.

The key message of the talk: *God will turn your bad situation into your best provision.*

In Talk 2, we learn that the Apostles suffered persecution because of their faith. Today, we Filipinos do not suffer persecution because of our Christian faith. But our suffering comes in the form of poverty. But because of our poverty, Filipinos were forced to go abroad, and are now spreading the faith.

This affirms the key message of this entire series that **God is still working today.**

I. REVIEW THE KEY BIBLE VERSES:

Review the 3 Parts of Acts.

The entire book can be divided into three parts. And these three parts are outlined in this one verse, which is like Luke's Table of Contents: *Jesus said, But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*" (Acts 1:8 NIV)

Part 1 is how Jesus-Followers became witnesses in Jerusalem.

Part 2 is how Jesus-Followers became witnesses in Judea and Samaria—which is the surrounding area around the city of Jerusalem.

Part 3 is how Jesus-Followers became witnesses in the ends of the Earth.

In Talk 2, we learn that even as we have problems, we are able to fulfill our mission to be witnesses of God's Power and Grace to those around us.

II. ASK FOR REACTIONS AND REFLECTIONS

Follow up members regarding the prescribed exercise for this talk to deepen one's relationship with God: Reading ACTS in 30 Days.

Ask if they are following the "Read Acts in 30 Days" Plan in our Feast Facebook Page.

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Talk 1:
Power

Talk 2:
Problem

Talk 3:
Perspective

Talk 4:
Big Day

Notes:



Ask how helpful are the links to short inspirational videos on various days.

Ask members: What struck you in Talk 2? In your daily readings of Acts? How have you experienced problems providing possibilities in your life?

Ask for sharing of instances that affirm God is still working today— especially in one's specific situation.

III. PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Pray that everyone will find 20 minutes each day to read the Acts, and find the links to the short inspirational videos on various days.

Pray that each one will be blessed with the grace to see what good can come out of the evil around them, especially in their particular situation.

Pray for deeper faith that each one will continue experiencing that God is really still working today.

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