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His Church Is Marching On!

Truth About God: God established His church to come together and reveal Him to the world.

Truth For My Life: I will seek the first-century church's power in my day.

Lesson Text: Acts 4:13-35

Key Passage: Acts 4:20 - For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

The Book of Acts records the signs, wonders, and miracles God worked through the apostles. They were not just repeating what they had heard from other people. The disciples were eyewitnesses to the wonder-working power of God's Spirit. Jesus chose people who would eventually get involved in the work with Him. The fact that the first-century Christians turned their world upside down after His departure should tell us that those three years of intentional discipleship were incredibly meaningful (Acts 17:6). They understood their assignment.

The miracle of Acts 3 set the stage for the world's response in Acts 4. Peter and John were on their way to the Temple for prayer, and they encountered a lame man asking for donations. After a short prayer but a powerful answer, the lame man was completely healed. This miracle marks the first of many the Lord worked through the disciples after His resurrection and their new-birth experience. This miracle was one no one could deny.

Inside every one of us is the potential to be a witness of the wonders we have heard and seen God do. We have been promised power after we received the Holy Ghost, and that power is to help us be witnesses in our world (Acts 1:8). We are able to testify the same as Peter and John: *"For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard"* (Acts 4:20). **It has been stated there is no amen at the end of Acts 28 because we are a continuation of the first-century church.** Jesus said: *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father"* (John 14:12). The miraculous didn't stop at the end of the Book of Acts. **God wants to use His church today in the miraculous.**

We have been given the exact same commission as the disciples of Jesus Christ: *"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover"* (Mark 16:15-18).

No question about it, God's Word will stand forever. Truth will always prevail. And so will God's church. There is no stopping place for the church, and there is no stopping place for the miraculous. Let us make up our minds to continue what started in the first-century church. Miracles did not stop at the end of the Book of Acts. God has not stopped using men and women, boys and girls. He's looking for someone to work through. **His name is just as powerful today as it was two thousand years ago. What miracle might be waiting on you?**

Maybe coworkers are waiting for you to pray the prayer of faith over them. Maybe family members need you to speak a word from God into their lives. Perhaps a friend is in need of a home Bible study and the truth of salvation to receive the greatest miracle of all time—the gift of new birth. If you are a believer, the Word of God promises you can be used in the miraculous. You can continue the work of the first-century church.

Often, the miraculous will draw the world to the church. Let the world ask today, just as they did in Acts chapter 2: *"What meaneth this?"* (verse 12). Who in your life is ready to see God work a miracle for them? Will you continue what was started two thousand years ago? Will you join the heroes of faith and faithfulness and show the world who Jesus is?

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