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A SERMON SERIES ON DISCIPLESHIP

A Solid Foundation to build on

What are you building on?

What are you hoping to build on?

What are your expectations?

Is Christianity what you expected?

At times Communities Thrives

(Act 2:42) And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

(Act 2:44) And all who believed were together and had all things in common

(Act 2:46) And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,

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At Times Communities Cries

(Act 8:3) But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

(Act 8:4) Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.

(Act 8:5) Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ.

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Joy in Ministry

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Tears in Ministry

(Act 7:54) Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him.

(Act 7:55) But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

(Act 7:59) And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

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(Act 5:3) But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?

(Act 5:5) When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it.

Another Sinner receives redemption

(Act 8:1) And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

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(Act 9:3) Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.

(Act 9:4) And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

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(Act 12:3) and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread.

(Act 12:4) And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people.

Another disciple escapes Herod

(Act 12:7) And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands.

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(Act 2:39) For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

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“Scriptural Reinforcement” for repentance

(Act 3:19) Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,

(Joh 3:3) Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

(Luk 15:7) Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

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“Scriptural Reinforcement” for Baptism

(Mat 3:16) And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;

(Mat 28:19) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

(Act 8:12) But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

(Act 10:47) “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

(Act 10:48) And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

(8:36-38, 9:10-12, 9:17-19, 16:13-15, 16:27-34, 18:5-8, 22:14-17)

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(Joh 16:7) Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

(Act 1:8) 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.”

(Act 4:31) And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

(Act 19:6) And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

(Luk 11:13) If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

(1Th 5:19) Do not quench the Spirit.

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(Mat 16:18) And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

(1Co 12:26) If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

(1Co 12:27) Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

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(Rom 12:4) For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,

(Rom 12:5) so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

(Heb 10:25) not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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(Joh 21:18) Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.”

(Joh 21:19) (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

(Joh 21:21) When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?”

(Joh 21:22) Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!”

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