



FIRE AND GO

Lesson 3: The Book of Acts (Chapters 1-4)

A Pentecostal-Charismatic Missions Course for African Pastors

The Blueprint to Breakthrough



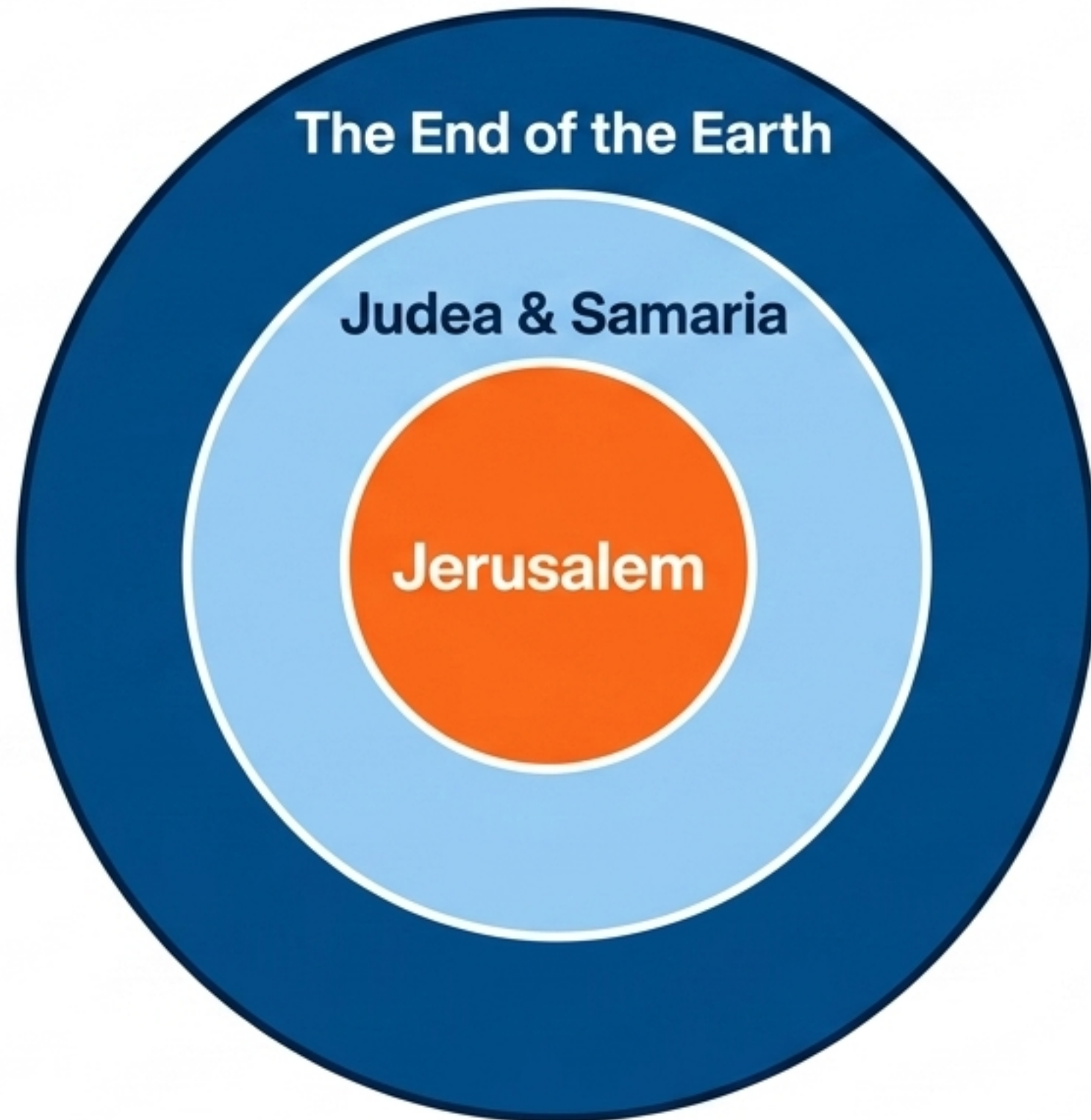
The book of Acts is not merely ancient history. It is a living blueprint for every Spirit-filled missionary today.

Imperfect but available believers

Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Establishing the Church across the known world

The Missionary Mandate



“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me...”
(Acts 1:8)

The Great Commission is not an option; it is an outward explosion of the Gospel.

The Upper Room Engine



MANDATE

(The Call to Go)



**UNITED
PRAYER**

(Acts 1:14: 'One
accord in prayer')



**POWER FOR
MISSIONS**

(Luke 24:49: 'Endued
with power from on high')

Before the deployment, there must be the Upper Room. Sustained, corporate prayer is the engine of the missionary enterprise.

The Miracle of Connection

The Tower of Babel



Confusion of Languages
Scattering of Nations
Human Pride
(Genesis 11)

The Day of Pentecost



Clarity of Languages
Gathering of Nations
Spirit's Power
(Acts 2)

The first miracle of Pentecost was a cross-cultural communication miracle—breaking down the language barrier so the nations could hear the gospel.

Architecture of a Missionary Church



WORD

Devoted to the apostles' teaching.



SPIRIT

Signs and wonders as a regular part of life.



COMMUNITY

Fellowship, breaking of bread, and radical generosity.



ATTRACTION

Praising God and drawing the lost.

A harvest of 3,000 souls sustained by four unbreakable pillars.

Power Evangelism in the Temple



In Pentecostal missions, the miracle is a strategic tool. It gathers the crowd so the Word can save the soul.

The Friction & Boldness Cycle

Miracle
(Healing the lame man)

Fresh Boldness
(The place is shaken, fresh infilling - Acts 4:31)

Preaching
("No other name under heaven" - Acts 4:12)

Opposition is proof of impact.

United Prayer
(Gathering to pray for boldness - Acts 4:29)

Opposition
(Arrest and threats from authorities)

Torch Pass: From Acts 1-4 to Africa Today

	Acts 1-4 Reality	African Context Reality
The Source of Power	Upper Room prayer & waiting.	Sustained night vigils & corporate intercession.
The Method of Expansion	Healing the lame man to draw a crowd.	Power encounters freeing people from spiritual fear.
The Source of Opposition	The Sanhedrin and religious authorities.	Hostile governments, traditional religious systems, and spiritual forces.

Every form of opposition is an opportunity for a greater outpouring of the Spirit.

Reflection & Discussion

1 Why did Jesus command the disciples to wait before going? What does this teach us about the relationship between prayer and missionary activity?

2 What was the missionary significance of speaking in tongues on the Day of Pentecost?

3 How did Peter and John respond to opposition in Acts 4? What can you apply from their response?

4 Look at the four pillars of a missionary church (Acts 2:42-47). Which is strongest in your church? Which needs development?

Prayer Focus

“Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal...”

— Acts 4:29-30

Pray for a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit. Ask God for fresh boldness to preach the gospel, confirmed by signs and wonders.

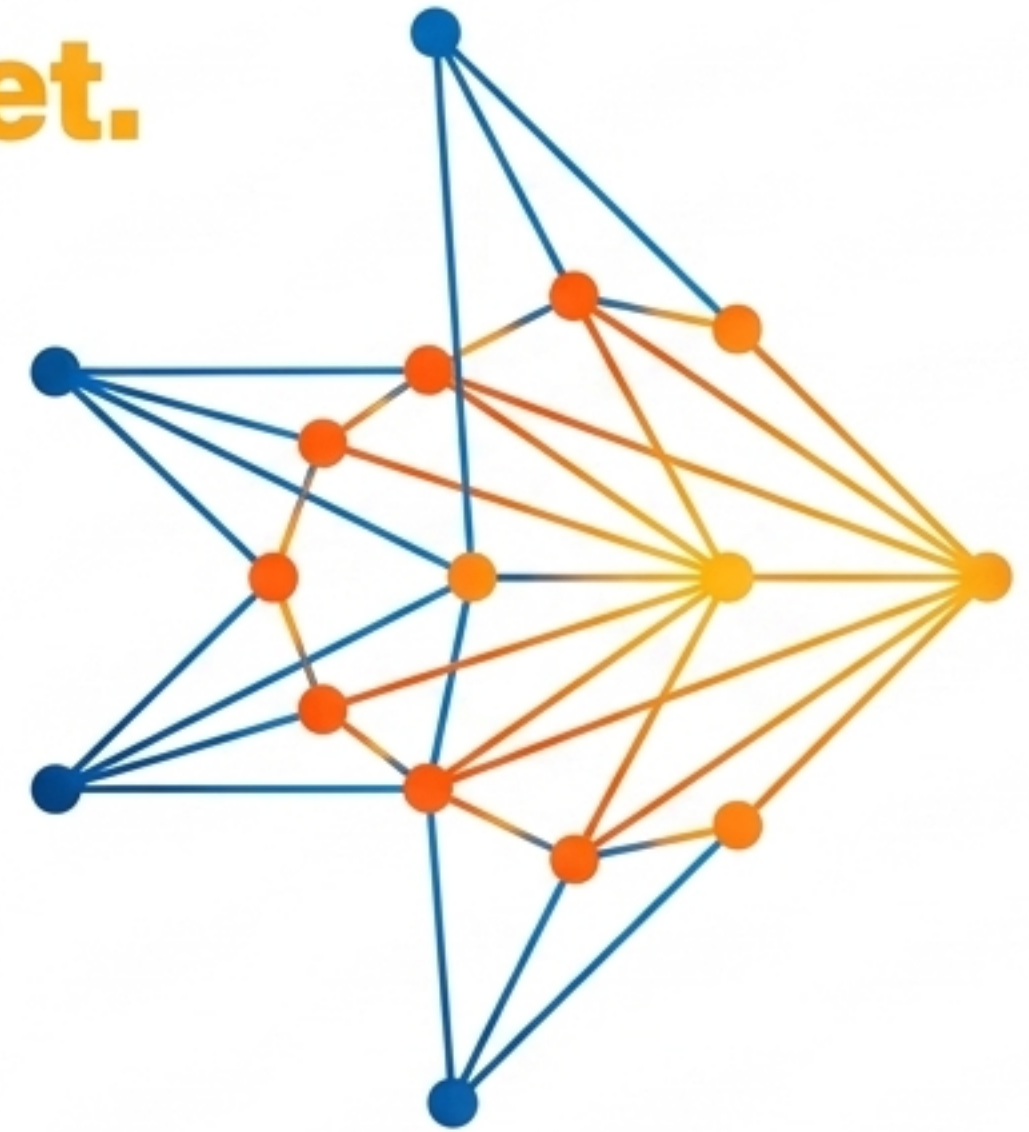
Action Step

Take it from the Screen to the Street.

Identify ONE situation in your current ministry where you have been tempted to retreat under pressure.

Apply the principle of Acts 4:31.

Gather your leaders this week to pray specifically for fresh boldness in that exact situation.



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