

## ADVANCING GOD'S KINGDOM THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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### KINGDOM COME SERIES ACTS 1&2

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**TEXT: Acts 1:1** The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, <sup>3</sup> to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. Acts 1:4 And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me; <sup>5</sup> for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” <sup>6</sup> Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

INTRO: During the next two months I will be sharing with all of you who we are (our values) and where we are going (our vision) as HRock Family.

By way of introduction, I need to share our prophetic history to help us to understand where we came from and then I want to share where we are going as a church. I want to use Acts chapter one and two as spring boards to

#### I. PROPHETIC HISTORY OF HROCK CHURCH

A. The dream to come to LA 1982

B. HRC Harvest Rock Church planted in 1994

1. April 4, 1994 which is my father's birthday. We will be celebrating **HRC's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this coming April!** I will be sharing more about our anniversary service in the next two months.

- C. HIM, Harvest International Ministry started in 1996 (Based on a prophetic Word from Cindy Jacobs)
- D. TheCall 2000
- E. January 17, 2016 Gabriel And Monica became the new Sr. Pastors
- F. December 2017 CALIFORNIA DREAMIN is born (based on a prophetic word from Ed Silvano)
- G. December 2 Gabe and Monica stepped down as Sr. Pastors and Sue and I have resumed the senior pastorate. We are very excited.

## II. INTRODUCTION TO ACTS 1:1-8

- A. AUTHOR: Dr. Luke
- B. DATE: After 70 AD
- C. Theophilus means a lover of God. It could be a real person named that or Luke is writing to all the lovers of God.
- D. All that Jesus began to do and teach. This order has not changed. God wants us to first do and then teach. Not the other way around.
- E. Acts 1:8 is the Great Commission in the book of Acts
- F. Acts 1:8 is the outline of the book of Acts. Acts 1-7 Jerusalem and Judea. Acts 8 Samaria. Acts 9, is the turning point to the Gentiles. Paul's conversion, the apostle to the Gentiles. Acts 10 Cornelius, the first God fearing Gentile and his household saved. Acts 11 Antioch, the first Gentile church established. Acts 13 Paul and Barnabas sent to the nations.
- G. Jesus taught forty days about the Kingdom and the disciples still didn't understand. He tells the disciples how the Kingdom will advance through each disciple being filled with the power of the Holy Spirit beginning in our Jerusalem, which is LA for us.
- H. I believe the way we fulfill the Great Commission is to bring Heaven down to earth. **On Earth as in Heaven.**

## III. THREE KEY WORDS FROM ACTS 1:8

### A. POWER

1. *Dunamis*. We get the word dynamic of dynamite. You need to be baptized by the power of the Holy Spirit. I will be teaching how to be baptized in the Holy Spirit in a few weeks.
2. Our church was birthed in revival and must be sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit. Zech 4:6
3. Eph 5:18 Individually, we need to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit

4. God never intended for us to fulfill the Great Commission in our power or our authority.
5. We need His power to get the job done! Akiko Sugimori and Sarah

#### **B. WITNESSES**

1. The Greek word is *Martus*, We get the word martyr-when I think of being a martyr I think of radical passion for Jesus. And radical consecration to Jesus
2. Heidi Baker translates that word as a lay down lover.
3. The story of Richard Wurmbrand, a Romanian Jewish believer in the Messiah, the founder of the Voice of the Martyrs and best selling author of Tortured for Christ. Went to Prison for the first time for three years in solitary confinement and then the second time for preaching the Gospel in Romania 25 years. "Jesus is like me."
4. We are all witness for Jesus, either for or against Jesus depending on our character and lifestyle.

#### **C. JERUSALEM**

1. HIM we went to the ends of the earth from the get go. We sent out a couple to a 2.5 million Muslim people group that didn't have one Christian. After 20 years we are still supporting this couple.
2. We want to bring heaven down beginning in our city of Los Angeles. "**Come to Los Angeles for a great harvest.**"
3. LA is the second largest city. If it was a city in Mexico, it would be the second largest Mexican city next to Mexico with 3 million Mexicans.
4. Over a million Chinese, Korean, Pilipino live in LA
5. It is the entertainment capitol in the world. It also produces 80% of the world's pornography.
6. We are committed to planting churches in LA. HIM will continue to plant churches in LA and throughout California
7. But as HRC, we want to plant as many life groups all over the city. We want to plant as many satellite congregations around the city
8. Here is a word from **David McDonald**. I received this word on Sat morning. Normally my message would have been submitted by Friday morning. Secondly, he had no idea what I was speaking on and yet he gives a specific word for our church.

**“That there is a new impetus coming a new momentum coming and that which had been out of alignment will either come into alignment or fall by the wayside. Many will be affected by the power of God as you gain this new momentum. I saw your city and people’s around you coming into alignment for the purpose of being transformed by the Kingdom that will manifest in this time. Speak the kingdom, and as you do Kingdom realities will start to manifest around you.**

**I saw God opening up wells that had been established in the past, wells of healing, of salvations, wells of signs wonders and miracles. Like never before, the supernatural will be the banner over HRock.**

**The wealth that the Lord had earmarked for you and your Ministries like HIM and HRock and all you have had vision for will manifest.**

**I will bring forth a new company of Kings that will be connected to your vision and will bring forth such a spirit of generosity because of your heart to be generous. Those that have just journeyed with you to get will dissipate, but those who are connected to this new vision and purpose with pure hearts will prosper. New growth, new shoots, a new impetus, a new momentum.”**