



# Reading Acts - A Month of Prayer and Fasting

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Right at the start of the book of Acts we read how Jesus used the time between his resurrection and ascension to teach the Apostles about the Kingdom of God ... the rule and reign of God here on earth. The Gospels tell how the 'Kingdom of God' is what Jesus came to announce, display and make possible. This message was so important that he used his final words to make sure the Apostles really got it.

As you read through the Acts of the Apostles you will see how this message of the Kingdom, by the power of the Holy Spirit, took hold of them and changed the direction of their lives forever. Firstly, they were impacted individually as they personally encountered Christ and were filled with the Holy Spirit. The church was then born as the believers gathered together and organised themselves in such a way as to show the community what it means to be the body of Christ. Then persecution came and the followers of Jesus were scattered to different places... but this didn't stop them, they shared the good news of this coming Kingdom as they went and churches started to pop up throughout the region.

What we see in this book is how God can use ordinary people to do extraordinary things when they are captured by a vision and filled with the Holy Spirit - Peter preached, Stephen laid down his life, Paul who let go of religion and embraced the risen Christ ... time and time again people encountered the Holy Spirit as they accepted what Jesus had done and they were never the same again.

As you read and reflect on these passages, and pray and fast over the course of the month, ask the Holy Spirit to show you what the advancing Kingdom could look like in your life, family, church and wider community.

Monday	Acts 1	Lifted Up and Poured Out	Commit the coming month of prayer and fasting to God
Tuesday	Acts 2	Preaching in the Power	For those who feel abandoned or without hope to find their purpose
Wednesday	Acts 3	The Healing at the Gate	Those who have come to Truro to find their home
Thursday	Acts 4	What a Prayer Meeting!	The mentally ill, including the depressed
Friday	Acts 5	Opposition	For us to love our neighbours
Saturday	Acts 6	Getting Organised	The hungry & cold to find relief
Sunday	Acts 7	Stephen is Killed	For us to bear good witness
Monday	Acts 8	The Christians are Scattered	Housing and the homeless
Tuesday	Acts 9	Saul is Stopped in his Tracks	Political leaders – councillors and MPs
Wednesday	Acts 10	Peter's Vision	Health services
Thursday	Acts 11	Chatter as they Scatter	Schools & Education
Friday	Acts 12	James Killed & Peter Rescued	Police and fire services
Saturday	Acts 13	Doors Opening	Leisure and the arts in the city
Sunday	Acts 14	Paul and Barnabas on a Mission	Social services
Monday	Acts 15	The Big Get Together	Inclusion in work, the unemployed and excluded
Tuesday	Acts 16	The Macedonian Call	Truro high streets
Wednesday	Acts 17	To the Unknown God	Chamber of commerce, building positive business community
Thursday	Acts 18	Be Bold, Be Strong for the Lord your God is with you	Charities working in the city, and from the city
Friday	Acts 19	A City in Turmoil	Those facing bankruptcy
Saturday	Acts 20	What a Sermon!	New business, small businesses
Sunday	Acts 21	Back to Jerusalem – Whatever the Cost!	Big businesses in the area
Monday	Acts 22	Paul's a What?!	Be thankful for God's presence in Truro
Tuesday	Acts 23	Conspiracy Theory	Be thankful for God sustaining his church
Wednesday	Acts 24	Paul is Left in Prison	Thankful and prayer for church/council relations in Truro
Thursday	Acts 25	'To Caesar you have appealed; to Caesar you shall go'	For the courts and whole justice system
Friday	Acts 26	Testimony Opportunity	For children in the city to know they are loved
Saturday	Acts 27	Shipwreck	For every situation to be used for the good of those who love Him'
Sunday	Acts 28	'With all boldness and without hindrance'	For everyone in Truro to hear the gospel from someone who loves them