

JESUS AT THE CORE

LOVING THEIR NEW LIFE

JOY FILLED COMMUNITIES

EVERY OPPORTUNITY

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2023

SUNDAYS
9am & 10:30am
9am LIVE

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WHAT WE LEARN FROM THE CHURCH IN ACTS.

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appealing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but

to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." The Ascension 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 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." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee,

MAP OF THE WORLD



THE PILLARS OF AN UNSTOPPABLE CHURCH

ACTS 2:42-47

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The early church's devotion to Jesus led them to be unstoppable in moving the Kingdom of God forward. The unstoppable nature of the Church was rooted in four key pillars that kept them centered on the glory of Jesus and passionate about loving those around them.

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- Hungry to know Jesus

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Their context:

- Hungry to know Jesus
 - What they have seen/heard/experienced

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- Hungry to know Jesus
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Their context:

- Hungry to know Jesus
- Committed to learning about Jesus
 - Couldn't get enough of the apostles teachings
 - Desired a deeper understanding of Jesus

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RCC's context:

- Hungry to know Jesus

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RCC's context:

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 - Even fuller picture of Jesus and the Gospel through Scripture
 - Once you taste and see, can't help but desire more of Jesus

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 - Our pillar #1, but really our cornerstone
 - Getting this right has eternal ramifications

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” - A.W. Tozer

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 - They will know you're my disciples by your love - John 13

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 - Paradigm shift – The Lens: Jesus' Kingdom

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- Used their resources for the good of the body

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- Used their resources for the good of the body
 - Pooled their resources

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- They were devoted to meeting each other's spiritual needs
- Used their resources for the good of the body
 - Pooled their resources
 - Focus was spiritual health

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RCC's context:

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 - We are committed to this lens: Jesus' Kingdom

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 - Time, Treasure, Talent

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RCC's context:

- Love for Jesus unites us
- We are devoted to meeting each other's spiritual needs
- Use our resources for the good of the body
 - Time, Treasure, Talent
 - Spiritual health is our priority

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Pillar # 3 – They were devoted to life-transforming relationships.

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Their context:

- Loved being together

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Their context:

- Loved being together
 - Learn, eat, share life, encourage, pray

Pillar # 3 – They were devoted to life-transforming relationships.

Their context:

- Loved being together

RCC's context:

- Love being together

Pillar # 3 – They were devoted to life-transforming relationships.

Their context:

- Loved being together

RCC's context:

- Love being together
 - My own life-transforming relationships

Pillar # 3 – They were devoted to life-transforming relationships.

Their context:

- Loved being together

RCC's context:

- Love being together
 - My own life-transforming relationships
 - Sunday mornings

Pillar # 3 – They were devoted to life-transforming relationships.

Their context:

- Loved being together

RCC's context:

- Love being together
 - My own life-transforming relationships
 - Sunday mornings
 - Life Groups

Pillar # 3 – They were devoted to life-transforming relationships.

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RCC's context:

- Love being together
 - My own life-transforming relationships
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 - June 4th

Pillar # 4 – They were devoted to communing with God and seeking His power.

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Their context:

- Personal relationship with Jesus = the foundation of their joy

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RCC's context:

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Pillar # 1 – We are devoted to knowing God.

- *The Challenge:* Getting the truth about God isn't always highest value, even in churches.



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Progressive.
Christian.**

 **Sundays
10:00**

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Christian
Church**
(Disciples of Christ)
fullertonfirstchristian.org

**Where
all people
are invited,
included, and
empowered to
experience and
share God's
liberating love.**

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- *The Challenge:* Prioritize comfort over mission.

The outcome of the church with these 4 pillars?

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