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Lesson Acts 2:14-36

Title-Get Busy!



Introduction

Life is a journey! Full of twist, turns, detours, lessons, and opportunities. I am sure on that day when Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow him, they had no idea what they were signing up for. Surely they were comfortable with who they were as individuals and their vocation as fishermen. But God had a plan.

In our lesson this evening we see a progression of discipleship and ministry; Gods plan! And in God's plan He often chooses ordinary people to accomplish great works in His name.

Here at Wheat Street we often say that we are in the business of making mature disciples who make a real difference in the world. So I ask you this evening, are you mature? Are "you" making a "real" difference in the world? **Each** of us has a charge to keep and a God to glorify"!

As we consider our text, Peter's "first" sermon, it is my prayer that it will provide encouragement and inspiration for us to move forward; to step up to the plate, and to "get busy" doing those things that God has called us to do.

And if you are wondering what the call is, consider The Great Commission:

- Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
- I. The Preacher
 - A. Who was Peter
 - B. Attributes of Peter
 - II. The Prophecy
 - A. Joel 2:28-32a/Implications
 - III. The Mission of Jesus
 - A. Life
 - B. Death
 - C. Resurrection

Lesson Notes

Acts 2:14-36 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. **15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: **17** " 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. **18** Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. **19** I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. **20** The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. **21** And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' **22** "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. **23** This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. **24** But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. **25** David said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. **26** Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, **27** because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. **28** You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'**29** "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. **30** But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. **31** Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. **32** God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. **33** Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. **34** For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand **35** until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."**36** "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."