



July 7

Passage: Acts 2

Okay, today's reading is going to be a tad longer than usual, but stay with me- it's so worth it! We'll skip a few verses here and there, but I really want to make sure we get all of Acts chapter 2 in our brains. If you're not feeling it right now, take a minute to pray that God will captivate your attention and give you an excitement for His word!

Remember where we left off yesterday? Jesus was giving the instruction of going and telling everyone about Him, then He left... Well the apostles went ahead and added a new guy to replace Judas because they needed to fulfill some scriptures- if you're curious about that just read Psalm 69:25 and Psalm 109:8. Now let's pick up to today's reading.

READ & DIG:

READ Acts 2:1-12

What in the world is going on?! Basically we have people from all over coming to one place, and the Holy Spirit comes on the scene! His power enables the local men to speak the languages of all the surrounding peoples! Can you imagine? What if we had visitors from 50 different countries visit our church and all of a sudden each one of our Sunday school teachers started speaking to them in their own languages! Apparently this was so bizarre that some accused them of being drunk- for real!

READ Acts 2:13-15

Peter didn't take that accusation very nicely! He not only defended the locals, but then he went on to preach one of his most dynamic sermons ever! (His sermon is verses 16-36 of this chapter, if you want to read through it!) Keep in mind, this is the same Peter who not too long ago denied Jesus three times. This is his opportunity to show that he really does love Jesus, and he makes the most of it. (It's never too late to right a wrong when you surrender to the Holy Spirit!)

READ Acts 2:37-47

What an impactful message! The people heard the message, believed it, received the Holy Spirit, and were completely transformed! Note verse 41- how many people did Peter affect with the gospel message that day? So maybe a handful of people knew he denied his Lord, but now thousands are changed because of his obedience to tell others about Him! (Remember, it's never too late to right a wrong when you surrender to the Holy Spirit!)

APPLY AND GO

Where are you? Not physically, obviously- but where are you spiritually? Are you one of those who is coming to church and hearing? Are you believing? Have you received the Holy Spirit? Are you completely transformed? Are you being a witness? Have you messed up? Missed an opportunity? Remember, it's never too late...