



**BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study Scripture Theme: 2 Timothy 2:15

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**The Book of Acts**

**THEME: CAN I GET A WITNESS - THE GOSPEL TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**

**THEME SCRIPTURE: ACTS 1:8**

*Lesson Topic: TO GOD BE THE GLORY*

*Lesson Scripture: Acts 12:20-24*

**I. BACKGROUND**

**ACTS**

	<b>The Church Established at "Jerusalem"</b> The church is . . . born tested purified strengthened <i>CHAPTERS 1-7</i>	<b>The Church Enlarged to "Judea and Samaria"</b> The gospel is . . . spreading multiplying changing lives breaking traditions <i>CHAPTERS 8-12</i>	<b>The Church Expanded to "the Ends of the Earth"</b> The witness is . . . extended received and rejected changing lives unifying Jews and Gentiles <i>CHAPTERS 13-28</i>
AD 30			AD 60
<b>Leaders</b>	The apostle Peter		The apostle Paul
<b>Emphasis</b>	Jewish evangelism	Transition	Gentile evangelism
<b>Time</b>	AD 33 (1:1-2:47)	AD 36 (8:1)      AD 40 (9:32)	AD 46 (13:1)      AD 57 (21:18)
<b>Scope</b>	City evangelism	National evangelism	Cross-cultural evangelism
<b>Theme</b>	In the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus's followers carry the good news of Christ to the world.		
<b>Key Verse</b>	1:8		
<b>Christ in Acts</b>	Jesus is the glorified, enthroned Savior, who continues His ministry in the world by means of the Holy Spirit working through His disciples until He returns (1:7-9).		

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## **II. THE PEOPLE**

1. Herod Agrippa 1
2. James (one of the twelve disciples)
3. Peter (one of the twelve disciples)
4. Four squads of soldiers
5. The angel
6. Rhoda & Mary (John Mark's mother)
7. Blastus
8. The people

## **III. GREAT ANGER – V20**

- Do not let A\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_ you; address it in L\_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 5:22-25)

## **IV. A GREAT RECEPTION – V21**

## **V. A GREAT SPEECH – V21**

## **VI. GREAT SIN – V22**

- Our C\_\_\_\_\_ should be in G\_\_\_\_\_.  
Philippians 3

## **VII. GREAT GLORY – V23**

- All the G\_\_\_\_\_ belongs to G\_\_\_\_\_.  
1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Isaiah 42:8; Revelation 4:11; Romans 11:36

## **VIII. A GREAT WORD – V24**

- God's W\_\_\_\_\_ will remain F\_\_\_\_\_.  
Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 24:35; Isaiah 55:11

## IX. UNDERSTANDING AND APPLYING THE TEXT

Few of us set out to be prideful, yet we often drift into its grip.

- Bad things can happen even when you're following Jesus, but we are never defenseless.
- Most of us, I expect, would agree that pride is a bad thing. However, we know that confidence is necessary. Without some degree of confidence, we would not even get out of bed.
- Who we place our confidence in, and the degree to which we do so, is the question.
- If I place confidence in myself, and only myself, then I am on the downward spiraling path of pride.
- Consider these questions.
  - Where are you with this issue of pride?
  - Do you think your pride can get to the point where you are full of yourself?
  - Might your pride get to the point where you, a person who is following Jesus, can be opposing God?
- The Lord punishes evil and causes the righteous to prosper.
- God's Word increases and is multiplied when Christians overcome their hardships through Him. They provide opportunities to tell people about what God has done for them. Peter didn't waste opportunities like that, and neither should we.
- Our confidence is not in people or circumstances but in God's unchanging and powerful Word.

It's our responsibility then. This is the part we have been given to play in our generation, to make sure we pass the Word on faithfully, to those who come after us, that because of our lives, even in our death, the Word of God increases and multiplies. I encourage you today, to hold on to the Word of God. It is constant. People come, people go. Things come, things go, and the Word of God remains forever.

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