**ACTS of GOD #2:** *Are You Just Looking?*

Acts 1:6-11 1/13/2019

**Are You Just Looking?**

**Don’t Just Look for your own Fulfilled Agenda Acts 1:6-7**

***6****So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?”****7****He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;*

 -Lord, is it at this time…?

 -If You’re all done now, can we get back to what’s important?

 -The Restoration of the Kingdom to Israel

 -To Re-establish in Glory what had fallen in disgrace

 -A continuing expectation & longing for earthly realization of glory

 -Apostles have clarity on Scripture & their role in its fulfillment

 -Apostles have long desired Israel’s Earthly rise & a place in it

 -Assuming their fulfilled agenda best serves the mission to be fulfilled

 -Serving from a place of dependence not the pinnacle of success

 -Seeking fulfillment of physical benefit instead of God’s purpose

 -God’s promises fulfilled in God’s fixed timing

-Leaving the Promise securely in the Hands of Lord

 -Don’t demand earthly prospering for your own purpose

 -Living out the Purpose squarely placed in our hands by the Lord

 -Depending on Him for provision to fulfill the task at hand

**Seeing God’s Power work in you to Fulfill God’s purpose in this world**

***8****but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”* **-Acts 1:8**

-You will receive His power to fulfill His purpose

 -But You will receive power

 -The word for receive includes the initiative to take & apply the gift

 -When the Holy Spirit has come upon you

 -To come upon: an arrival that leaves inevitable, building effects

 -The power for

 -You will follow His plan to fulfill His purpose

 -You will be my witnesses

 -Jerusalem, Judea & Samaria, Ends of the Earth

 -An Outline for the Book of Acts,

 - A Guideline for Our Mission Strategy

 -Jerusalem is not home, but the place of greatest opposition

***50****And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.****51****While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.****52****And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy,****53****and were continually in the temple praising God. -***Luke 24:50-53**

**Don’t Just Look for your own Feeling of Awe Acts 1:9-11**

***9****And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.****10****And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them.****11****They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”*

-The Ascending Jesus Christ is Worthy of Worship

 -The Awe of the Bodily Ascension of the Lord

 -The disciples were worshipping Him

 -They were Gazing Intently into the sky

 -The Appearance of Two Angels

 -Why are you still standing here staring?

 -Get to the mission, He’s returning