

THE ACTS

of the Apostles

**YOU men of Galilee, why do you stand here and gaze?
He said you would be receiving, but there is a proper way to wait.
Wait actively, eying the promise.
Peter, you have it right;
“This man has lost his bishop position;
Replace him, reunite.”
You men of every nation, why gaze for His return?
Wait actively, eying the promise;
There is much work to be done.**

ACTS 1

¹I first wrote to you, O Theophilus, of all Jesus began to do and to teach
²until the day He was taken up, after He gave commandments through the Holy Ghost to His apostles whom He had chosen;
³and after His passion, He showed Himself alive to them, by many infallible proofs. He was seen of them forty days, speaking of the things that pertain to the kingdom of God.
⁴While He was still among them, He gave them this command,
**“Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which I told you of.
⁵“For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”
⁶And when they had come together, they asked Him saying, “Lord, will You restore the kingdom to Israel at this time?”
⁷And He said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons which the Father has put in His own power;
⁸but you shall receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you;
and you will be witnesses of Me in Jerusalem and Judea, also in Samaria, and to the farthest regions of the earth.”
⁹And when He had spoken these things, He was taken up as they watched in awe, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. They gazed upwards, transfixed, steadfast. *How long they stood there gazing? It may have been a while.*
¹⁰But while they looked steadfastly into heaven, two men stood by them, both clothed in white.
¹¹They said, “You men of Galilee, why do you stand here gazing up into heaven like this? This same Jesus who was taken up from you will come in the same fashion you have seen Him go.”**

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olivet, which is a Sabbath day’s journey from Jerusalem.

¹³And when they had come in, they went up into an upper room.

There remained Peter, James and John, Andrew, Phillip, Thomas and Bartholomew, along with Matthew and James the son of Alphaeus, Simon Zelotes and Judas, James’ brother.

¹⁴These all continued with a single heart in prayer and supplication, waiting for the promise of the Holy Spirit; waiting actively in prayer, *not just passing time alone,*

with the women, Mary, Jesus’ mother, and with His brothers too.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, who then numbered about a hundred and twenty,

¹⁶saying, “Men and brethren, the Scripture must be fulfilled

which the Holy Spirit by the mouth of David spoke concerning Judas Iscariot, who guided those who took Jesus;

¹⁷for he was numbered with us, and he had obtained part of this ministry.

¹⁸Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity

and fell headlong and burst apart in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

¹⁹“To everyone who lived in Jerusalem it is known; so much that the field is called in its proper tongue, Hakeldama, that is to say, the Field of Blood.

²⁰For it is written in the book of Psalms, ‘Let his habitation be desolate; let no man dwell in it, and his place as bishop, let another take.’

²¹“Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time Jesus went in and out among us,

²²beginning from the baptism of John to the same day that He was taken up, one must be ordained to be a witness with us of the resurrection of the Lord.”

²³So they appointed two, Joseph, called Barsabas, whose surname was Justus, and with him, Matthias.

²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Oh, Lord, You know the hearts of all men;

show which of these two You have chosen

²⁵to be a part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas fell by his transgression, that he might go to his own condemnation.”

²⁶They cast lots, and the lots fell on Matthias,

and he was named with the eleven apostles.

@Men and brethren waiting for His return, the Scriptures must be fulfilled;

He came to bring many sons to glory, and that none should perish is His will; so seek the Lord in prayer; He knows the hearts of all men.

Do not just stand there gazing, He has given you the tools to harvest them.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. The introduction is Jesus the head, the continuation is His body called Christ, and the conclusion is Jesus the glorified. Jesus in the flesh only began to do and teach... the volume is still being written in us and through us.
2. It is indubitable that He died, the cross speaks; irrefutable that He rose, He showed Himself alive; and incontrovertible that He is living and active in the lives of believers today.
3. Passion without power is fanfare and pointless, just as burning without fire is just a glare.
4. You are baptised with water to be, but baptized with fire to go; baptized with water to possess, but baptized with fire to express and manifest.
5. You can stand mesmerized, gazing up into glory or you can be a mesmerizing carrier showing off His glory. We cannot be gazing when we should be blazing.
6. Jesus will come again as we saw Him go but we must go as we saw Him come and live.
7. Your fire from your place of prayer is your power for this dry and thirsty world. Prayer which exchanges your work for His working is power.
8. His ministry given to us, with our best function, is nowhere as effective as His ministry with His least unction.
9. The promise may be propositioned but not present; it may be received but not manifesting; you actively stir up your faith in prayer and wait.
10. Waiting is possessive but not passive; prayer with thanksgiving is the positioning for possessing.
11. Not because they walk with Christ means that they are with Christ; not because they have a place means they have found their place; not because they have walked with the Word means the Word is in them.
12. It is painful to walk with the Light and rest in darkness; to be named with the ambassadors of love and to have the Field of Blood named after you.
13. Wait on the anointing, for the anointing will not wait on you; walk with the anointing, for there is someone waiting to take your place if you walk away from your assignment.
14. If the work is God's then let the choice of workers be God's; commit your staffing to Him. Promotion belongs to God; He alone knows the heart.
15. They may appear good for the position but only God knows who has got the goods for the position and who is best for the position; defer every personnel decision to God.

PRAYER POINTS

- Lord Jesus, teach through me, work through me; what You began to teach and do, perform through me. Amen.
- You are alive Jesus; You are living in me and because You live, I live and have hope for tomorrow.

row. Amen.

- Holy Spirit, I am awed at the thought that You live in me; give me intimacy with You; let me get lost in You so that I may express You.
- Baptize me with fire Lord, I refuse to deny the power I am called to. Amen.
- I will be a carrier of the glory of the living God; I rejoice because of the glory in me. Amen.

**COME as a great sound from heaven.
Come as a mighty rushing wind.**

**Come on our heads as tongues of fire.
Come as new wine and many different tongues of men.**

**Come as signs, come as wonders.
Come as sweetness within.**

**Come as a witness to the Saviour,
Turning men in thousands from their sins.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, I need You;
Come, sweet Spirit, I pray.**

**Come in Your strength and Your power;
Come in Your own special way.**

ACTS 2

¹When the day of Pentecost had fully come; they were all united in one place.

²And suddenly a sound from heaven came as a mighty rushing wind that day.

It filled the house where they were sitting.

³And on them there appeared cloven tongues that looked like fire.

It sat on each of them in that place.

⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵And there were Jews and devout men dwelling at Jerusalem out of every nation under heaven.

⁶And when this was made known publicly, the multitude came together and were confounded, because every man heard them speak in his own language.

⁷They marvelled and were all amazed.

“Are not all these who speak Galileans?” they exclaimed;

⁸“how do we hear every man speak in our own tongue that we were born with:

⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, dwellers in Mesopotamia, Elam, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

¹⁰Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt and parts of Libya?

Also strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretes and Arabians;

we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.”

¹²And they were in doubt, amazed and astonished, saying one to another, “What is the meaning of this?”

¹³Others mocking said, “These men are full of new wine.

@We cannot tell what it is, but something is moving them on the inside!”

Come Holy Spirit I need You.

¹⁴But Peter stood with the eleven and lifted his

voice, saying,

“You men of Judea, and you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, listen to these words of mine.

¹⁵For these people are not drunk as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

¹⁶This is what the prophet Joel spoke about:

¹⁷‘It shall come to pass in the last days,’ says God,

‘I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh: your sons and daughters shall prophesy; He will come in visions to the young men; He will come in dreams to the old;

¹⁸and on My servants and on My handmaidens My Spirit will come.

I will pour out My Spirit on them in those days, and they will prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath, blood, and fire and vapour of smoke.

²⁰The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon shall be turned into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord comes.

²¹“And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

²²Hear these words, you men of Israel:

Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God here among you, by miracles, signs and wonders which God did by Him in your midst, and you yourselves also know this;

²³who was delivered by the determined counsel and by the foreknowledge of God; this same Jesus whom you have taken, and by wicked hands, you have crucified and slain;

²⁴whom God has raised up again having loosed all the prangs of death; for it was impossible for death to hold Him.

²⁵“For David spoke concerning Him, ‘I foresaw the Lord always before My face; for He is on my right hand that I should not be moved.

²⁶Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad, and my flesh shall rest in hope,

²⁷because you will not leave my soul in hell nor suffer Your Holy One to see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; with Your countenance You will make me full of joy.’

²⁹Men and brethren, let me speak to you freely this time of the patriarch David, whom you highly esteem.

He is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us to this day.

³⁰Therefore, being a prophet and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh,

he should raise up Christ to sit on his throne.

³¹He spoke of the resurrection of Christ, for he had foreseen this;

that His soul was not left in hell, neither should His flesh see corruption.

³²God has raised up this Jesus, and we are all witnesses;

³³therefore being now at the right hand of God, exalted, having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit,

He has done this which you now see and hear us speak.

³⁴“For David is not ascended into the heavens, but he himself had spoken, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, sit on My right hand

³⁵until I make Your foes Your footstool.’

³⁶Let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God has made that same Jesus, whom you crucified, Lord and Christ both!”

³⁷And when they all heard the words he spoke, they were convicted in their hearts and filled with sorrow;

and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, tell us, what must we do?”

³⁸Then Peter replied, “Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Convicting Spirit, come; come convict men!

³⁹For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are at a distance, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”

⁴⁰And with many other words he exhorted, testifying and saying to them, “From this troublesome generation, come and save yourselves.”

⁴¹They gladly received the word and were baptized, and that same day there was added to them, about three thousand men.

⁴²And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers;

⁴³and fear came on every soul after this.

And by the apostles, many signs and wonders were done.

⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

⁴⁵And they sold their goods and possessions and parted them to all men according to the need of every man.

⁴⁶And they continued daily in the temple with a single mind, breaking bread from house to house, no one in want.

They ate food with gladness and in singleness of heart,

⁴⁷having favor with all people and giving God the praise.

And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

@Come Lord, add to the church daily those whom You will save.

Come, Holy Spirit, we need You.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *There is a move of the Holy Spirit approaching and ready to engage all those who are properly positioned in obedience and faith praying, expecting.*
2. *Pray, pray, pray! Pray to pull heaven down. Pray, pray, pray! Pray until heaven sits on you.*
3. *The baptism of fire brings momentum, but it is not just for a moment, it has an assignment that never leaves until fulfilment.*
4. *Prayerlessness is powerlessness; it causes you to sit on fire and to get burnt from every direction; prayerfulness causes the fire to sit on you and leave you burning.*
5. *Never push the presence and the working of the Holy Spirit off, acknowledge Him and His present work, for He is for everyone in the present and for those who are far off as long as time is present.*
6. *The manifestation of the Holy Spirit adds more to the church in one moment than the greatest message and the most monumental efforts.*
7. *All the resources needed to forward a move of God are present among the body of believers, but faith to release extravagantly and selflessly is lacking.*
8. *The problem of resources is not ownership (it all belongs to God), the problem is access, people hold it down as if it is all theirs.*
9. *The glory and joy of a united single-minded body is lost in its perfection, but may still be captured in its pursuance.*
10. *Jesus is working salvation for His own glory; allow the Holy Spirit to multiply what Jesus divided on the cross as the Lord adds to His church.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Holy Spirit, move in our churches; crush every spirit of religion standing in Your way. Amen.
- Most High God, baptize our youths with the spirit of prayer; and let your fire rest in their spirits. Amen.
- Fire of the living God, fill our pulpits; devastate our worship sessions, and elevate our churches. Amen.
- Merciful Father, let the prayer altar of every family of mine receive fresh fire today; connect their passion to their prayer altars. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, help me never to grieve You; let believers today embrace You as those of old. Amen.

SILVER and gold; silver and gold;

Would you rather have silver?

Or would you be made whole?

Silver and gold we do not have

But we give to you so much more.

**Would you receive a blessing,
from God's presence, times of refreshing?**

And the ability to earn a living?

Of so much more value than silver and gold.

ACTS 3

¹Now Peter and John went up to the temple at the hour of prayer, this being the ninth hour.

²And a certain man, lame from his mother's womb, was carried by some men.

They placed him everyday at the temple gate which is called Beautiful by name,

to beg from those who came to enter the temple.

³And he saw Peter and John about to go in, as they would enter the temple, he begged them for money.

⁴Peter, fixing his eyes on him, with John also, said, "Look at us."

⁵And he gave heed to them, expecting to receive something of them.

⁶Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but such as I have I give to you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

⁷And he took him by his right hand, and he lifted him up.

⁸And immediately his feet and anklebones received strength, and leaping he stood up and walked.

And he entered into the temple with them, walking and leaping and giving God praise.

⁹And the people saw him walking and giving God praise,

¹⁰and they knew that it was he who sat begging before at the Beautiful gate of the temple. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened to him.

¹¹And as the now-healed man in celebration held onto Peter and John,

all the people ran together to them in the porch called Solomon's to see, greatly wondering at this deed.

¹²When he saw it, Peter answered them saying,

"You men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look on us with such earnestness as if by our own power we had made this man to walk?"

This is not about us, but about Jesus the Lord.

¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified Jesus His Son, whom you have delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go.

¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Just One, and desired a murderer to be granted to you.

¹⁵You killed the Prince of life, God's Son, whom He raised from the dead and we are the witnesses.

¹⁶And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong whom you see and know.

It is faith in Jesus that has given him strength and this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

¹⁷Now I know you did it through ignorance; both you, your brethren and your rulers.

¹⁸But the things that God has shown before by the mouth of all of His prophets, that Christ should so suffer, He has fulfilled.

¹⁹Be converted; repent, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

²⁰And He will send Christ who was preached to you before;

21“whom the heaven must receive, until the times of restitution of all things, which God has spoken about by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

22For to the fathers Moses said, ‘The Lord your God shall raise a Prophet to you of your brethren just like myself; you shall hear Him in all things He says to you.

23“And it shall come to pass that every soul that will not hear that Prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.’

24And all the prophets from Samuel and those who follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

25You are children of the prophets, and of the covenant with our fathers that God had made, saying to Abraham of old:

“In your seed shall all families of the earth be blessed.’

26To you first, God having raised Jesus His Son, and has sent Him to bless you in turning everyone away from the iniquities he has committed.”

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Your condition may command you to be a beggar, but your re-conditioning will contend and commend you to be a witness.*
2. *Silver and gold fixes a moment but God only needs a moment to fix your life forever so you can appreciate silver and gold.*
3. *A gift brings gratitude, the ability to provide for oneself brings latitude and changes the attitude, a gift causes a smile, a fix causes a lifetime of rejoicing.*
4. *When your life is at a crossroad, let all roads lead to the cross; find the cross and your life will railroad itself to glory.*
5. *Some may readily sacrifice to give the silver and gold they do not have, but are stingy or unwilling to give the glory of God within them that they do have an abundance of.*
6. *It may not be demanded of you, but will be much more appreciated of you if you give men God’s glory rather than your gold which is your own glory.*
7. *Your bad news can become your greatest witness if it is impregnated and infected by the good news.*
8. *Let your only story be that all the glory belongs to Jesus. His working in you will bring attention to you that belongs to Him; declare Him marvelous so they will marvel at Him, not you.*
9. *The Jesus they crucify is the Jesus they must confront and contend with when you put His work on display and ensure the glory is credited to Him only. The Jesus they hate is the Jesus they must appreciate, when His work through His people bears witness of Him.*
10. *The power available to believers through faith in the name of Jesus is unparalleled but yet untapped.*
11. *If ignorance is not mixed with arrogance you may still have another chance; when you know you are wrong, repent.*
12. *Praying and confessing positions you for seasons of refreshing which is only found in His pres-*

ence and can only come from His throne.

13. *When confronted and convicted by the one you crucify everyday with your ignorant sins, confess, repent and turn to Him.*
14. *Divine opportunities for witnessing should be grasped and used for divinely directed delivery of your witness.*
15. *Relate it in every day lessons they can relate to for more effective, immediate and enduring effect and response.*
16. *The evidence is plain and just needs to be presented and ‘Cross’-referenced; it is written in everyday life and culture and in the prophets.*
17. *Your story is unique to Presence but not unique or limited to the present; it has a reference written in the past that is potent for the future.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, I speak life to every dead and dysfunctional area of my life; I will testify, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- I commit my life to You Lord Jesus, my hope is in the cross. Amen.
- Power of the Holy Spirit, baptize believers with faith and the spirit of love so they will draw upon You to fix lives instead of situations. Amen.
- My eyes are fixed on You Lord Jesus; I will never be stagnant or unfruitful again. Amen.
- Power to turn beggars into believers and the hopeless into messengers of hope, envelop the church in these times. Amen.

To be with Jesus, to be with Jesus, All that I ask, is to be with Christ. For His presence transforms us; Men will marvel at our boldness, And take note of us, that we have been with Christ. For there is salvation in no other, Priest, king, ruler, friend or brother; But you will be revived if you have been with Christ.

ACTS 4

- 1And as he spoke to the people, the captain of the temple and the priests and the Sadducees came for them,
- 2because they were grieved that they taught the people, and that through Jesus Christ they preached the resurrection of the dead.
- 3They arrested them and put them in prison until the next day, for it was already evening;
- 4however many who heard the word believed. And the number who believed was about five thousand.
- 5And it came to pass, the following day, that the rulers, scribes and elders,
- 6and Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas and John, and Alexander, and as many of them who were family members of the high priest were gathered together at Jerusalem.
- 7And when they had placed them in their midst, they asked and said, “By what power or by what name have you done this thing?”
- 8Then Peter spoke to them, being filled with

the Holy Ghost, saying, "You rulers and elders of Israel, this know,
⁹if this day we are being examined of the good deed that is done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole,
¹⁰let it be it known to you all and to all the people of Israel,
 that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you have crucified, who God raised from the dead, this man now stands before you whole.
¹¹This is the stone that the builders belittled, which has become the head of the corner.
¹²Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name under heaven, given among men, by which men can be saved."
¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and ignorant men, they marvelled and took knowledge of them, and noted that they had been with Jesus.
¹⁴And they saw the healed man with them standing, and they could say nothing against it.
¹⁵And when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,
¹⁶saying, "What shall we do to these men? For the fact that a notable miracle has been done is manifest to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.
¹⁷But that it spread no further, let us strongly threaten them that they speak to no man in this name ever again."
¹⁸And they called them and commanded them that day that they must not speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.
¹⁹But Peter and John answered, saying, "What is right in God's sight, to obey you above God? This judge!
²⁰For we cannot but speak the things which we have heard and seen."
²¹And so therefore with further threatening they let them go, for they could not find anything for which to punish them, because of the people, and for the deed,
 for all men glorified God because of what was done openly.
²²The man was above forty years old on whom this miracle of healing was shown.
²³And when they were released, they went to their own company and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.
²⁴They lifted their voices to God when they heard, and said unitedly, "You are God who made heaven, and the sea, and the earth, and all that are in them in all the world;
²⁵"who by the mouth of Your servant David has said, 'Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?'
²⁶There stood up the earth's kings, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord

and His Christ.'

²⁷For it is against Your holy Child Jesus, whom You have anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, and the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together,
²⁸to do whatever Your hand and Your counsel predetermined to be done.
²⁹"Now, Lord, behold their threatening, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness we may speak Your word to men,
³⁰and heal by stretching out Your hand, that signs and wonders may be done through us by the name of Your holy Child Jesus."
³¹And when they had finished praying, the place they were assembled was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.
³²And the multitude of them who believed were of one heart and of one mind; neither did any of them who believed say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.
³³And with great power the apostles gave witness of Jesus' resurrection, and great grace was on them all.
³⁴Neither was there any among them who lacked, for as many as possessed houses and lands sold them and brought the proceeds
³⁵and laid them down at the apostles' feet. And distribution was made to every man according to their individual needs.
³⁶And Joseph, whom the apostles surnamed and called Barnabas, which is being interpreted, the son of consolation, a Levite, of the country of Cyprus,
³⁷having land, sold it and brought the proceeds and laid it at the apostles' feet.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *You may not have gone to classes, but you have power to reach the masses if you are schooled by the Holy Spirit.*
2. *Your good word of truth will disturb those who build their good world upon lies.*
3. *Do not be surprised that the depths you expose disturb the heights who oppose you, and those in high places with shallow roots.*
4. *If you are a prisoner to what you believe, they may put you in prison but they cannot separate you from what you believe.*
5. *If you are a prisoner to what you believe, binding you only frees, releases and builds platforms for what you believe.*
6. *Speak His name boldly; it has gotten you in trouble already and will continue to get you in trouble but will consistently get you out.*
7. *They may be high and influential and they may not want to hear it, but it is your prerogative to declare your King the highest and the only truth they need to hear.*
8. *Their name may be respected and revered in the earth and in their nation, but there is no other name under heaven that can save men but the name of Jesus.*

9. *They may stand above you and judge, but there is one above them, the Judge of all judges and He is standing with you; they have the present chat; He has the final say.*
10. *They declare Him invalid, you validate Him by your lifestyle; they declare Him dead, you declare Him risen by power; they declare Him a stone rejected, but you declare Him the cornerstone.*
11. *When Christians are silenced or silent they agree with the world's carnal dismissive definition of their Lord Jesus.*
12. *Time with Jesus changes you completely; they will not know you and not know that they do not know you, because they underestimate the power of you knowing Jesus and spending time with Him.*
13. *They will see the sturdy you and will try to study you, but will not find you unless they first find the Lord; they will never understand you unless they come to appreciate your Lord.*
14. *Words are deniable, works are undeniable.*
15. *They will use threats, and fear and violence to constrain what they cannot contain and what they are frightened of.*
16. *Everyone will have to decide at some point whose voice writes their story and who gets the glory from their life.*
17. *The best of man cannot replace being blessed by God.*
18. *You are under God's mandate, but you are no man's date or dictate; respond only to the word of God.*
19. *Say and do what you see and hear of God in order to keep your communication clear or you will begin seeing only what your flesh is doing and hearing only what your flesh is saying.*
20. *When you see prophecies fulfilling, recognize it is happening; this is not time to be weak but a time to tap into Him.*
21. *Your challenges may rise, but so must your prayer.*
22. *The barriers to your fulfilment and mandate may seem insurmountable, but let your united prayer mount up to heaven to bring down boldness and immeasurable power.*
23. *If they seek to intimidate you ask for boldness, if it will propel the gospel and restrain them ask for signs and wonders and miracles.*
24. *There are levels and greater levels; move beyond the flames of fire to the shaking and the wonders.*
25. *Godliness has a fullness that comes with power and demonstration and also a form that denies the power; although both may appear to bear witness to the resurrection, one is frail.*
26. *There are enough resources in the body of Christ to supply every need in the body of Christ and to carry the gospel of Christ to those in need.*
27. *There are too many believers who consider what they have to be their own; lay it all down and take Him all up; manage for the kingdom and see the kingdom multiply you; put everything you have at stake and see your stake in everything increase.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Holy Spirit, my friend and companion, I commit to listen to You and to follow Your instructions. Grant me intimacy with You. Amen.
- Let every religious spirit disturbed because others are experiencing the freedom of the Spirit, be

embarrassed by demonstration to the point of desire and change, in the name of Jesus.

- King of kings and Lord of lords, speak on behalf of Your people; vindicate Your anointed ministers who dare to press into Your promise. Amen.
- Thank You Jesus for my faith that can never be chained or imprisoned, in fact, it has the power to free me in and from all physical limitations. Amen.
- Jesus, I will call Your name boldly in any place or forum. My Lord Jesus, help me never to be afraid of getting in trouble for Your precious name. Amen.

CANNOT be contained, cannot be constrained,

Cannot stop the flames burning in my heart.

**Cannot stop the words that are on my lips,
Cannot stop the love I have to give
And yes, cannot stop the works I do with Him.**

**Cast me behind the prison walls;
Oh, scare me with your threats and talks;
Or beat me like you did my Lord;
You will make me dance, make me rejoice,
And add some flame to my fire.**

ACTS 5

¹But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold possession
²and kept back a part of the price; his wife, too, was a party to it. And they brought a certain part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet.

³But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, to keep back a portion of the price of the land.

⁴While it remained, was it not your own? And after it had been sold, was it not in your own power?

Why conceive this in your heart therefore? You have not lied to men, but to God."

⁵And Ananias, hearing these words he said, fell down at his feet dead.

And great fear came on everyone who heard these things.

⁶The young men arose and wrapped him up and took him out and buried him.

⁷And three hours after this, or thereabouts, his wife came in, not knowing what was done.

⁸Peter said, "Did you sell the land for so much?"

"Yes, even for so much," she said.

⁹Then Peter said to her,

"How is it that you have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord?

The feet of those who buried your husband are at the door ready, and they will carry you out."

¹⁰And she immediately died, falling down at his feet.

And the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out, and buried her beside her husband.

¹¹And great fear fell on all the church and on

as many as heard.

¹²And by the apostle's hands, many signs and wonders were done there among the people. And they were all united as one with one mind in Solomon's porch.

¹³They were revered, and no one joined themselves to them, but the people magnified them.

¹⁴And believers were greatly added to the Lord;

multitudes of men and women believed,

¹⁵in so much that they brought the sick into the streets,

laying them in beds and couches, so that at least the shadow of Peter passing might overshadow some.

¹⁶Also from the cities around Jerusalem a multitude came;

they brought those who were sick and those vexed with unclean spirits, and everyone was healed!

¹⁷Then the high priest rose up and all who were with the high priest, which is the sect of the Sadducees;

and they were filled with indignation.

¹⁸They arrested the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

¹⁹But the angel of the Lord opened the door of the prison they were in by night, and brought them out and said,

²⁰"Go, stand in the temple at this time and speak to the people all the words of life."

²¹And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning, and they taught. But the high priest came, and those who were with him, and called the Council together, and all the Senate of the children of Israel, and they sent to the prison to have them brought.

²²But when the officers came they did not find them, so they returned and told the Council,

²³"We found the prison shut up safely, and the keepers standing outside the doors, but when we opened and went in we found no one inside."

²⁴Now when the high priest heard these things, and the chief priests and captain of the temple with them,

they were concerned that this would spread.

²⁵Then one came and told them, saying, "The men whom you placed in prison are standing in the temple and teaching."

²⁶Then the officers went with the captain, and brought them without violence, for they feared that the people would stone them.

²⁷And when they were brought before the Council, the high priest asked them, saying,

²⁸"Did we not strictly command you men that you should not teach in this name?

And now behold, you have filled Jerusalem with this doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood upon us."

²⁹Then Peter and the other apostle answered him,

"Should we not obey God rather than men?"

³⁰The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you slew and hanged on a tree;

³¹God has exalted Him with His right hand to be Prince and Saviour of every man; to give repentance to Israel, the forgiveness of sins;

³²and we are His witnesses of all these things; and so too is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

³³And when they heard these things, they were cut to the hearts and they took counsel to slay them.

³⁴But there stood up one in the Council, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law; he was very reputable among all the people. "Move the apostles to a little distance," he commanded.

³⁵Then he said to them, "You men of Israel, be careful what you intend to do concerning these men,

³⁶for before these days Theudas arose; he boasted that he was somebody, and about four hundred men were joined to him and all these were slain.

All who obeyed him diminished and were scattered away.

³⁷Judas of Galilee arose after him in the days of the taxing, and he drew away many people after him.

He also perished in his day and all those who obeyed him were dispersed.

³⁸Now I say, refrain from these men; let them alone,

for if this counsel or this work is of men, it will come to nothing,

³⁹but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it, lest you be found to fight against God."

⁴⁰And they agreed to his words.

And when they had called the apostles, they beat them and commanded them that they should not speak in Jesus' name and they let them go.

@Cannot be contained, cannot be constrained, cannot stop the flames burning in my heart.

⁴¹And from the presence of the Council they departed,

rejoicing that they were accounted worthy to suffer shame for His name;

yes, they were very heartened.

@Oh, scare me with your threats and talks, or beat me like you did my Lord;

You will make me dance, make me rejoice, and add some flame to my fire.

⁴²And daily in the temple and in every house, they did not stop preaching and teaching Jesus Christ.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The honor you seek that you are not honorable enough to work for will stain you and dishonor you.*
2. *Never let glory be the story behind your giving or doing, or the desire for glory without a genuine intent to give will destroy you.*
3. *It is deceptive to seek full credit for half effort and*

- full reward for limited work; it is theft at the highest level when you present it to God.*
4. *Lying to someone who does not know it or has no power is unwise for it offends heaven; lying to the Holy Spirit is treacherous, it challenges heaven.*
 5. *Never live for something you are not willing to die for; go for intimacy with God not just His glory to parade yourself before men.*
 6. *You can be a part of the illustrious work of believers or a part of the illustration; you will be remembered negatively or positively; fear the Lord and avoid evil or others will fear the Lord because of the evil you invited.*
 7. *The anointing on your life is not a passive shadow (spirit); but a pervasive power that will cause your shadow to convey Him, and His deliverance and healing.*
 8. *Signs, wonders, continuous salvation and consistent growth, are the signs of a healthy spirit-filled church and the manifestation of a healthy spirit-life.*
 9. *Prison walls are not your boundaries, your faith in God is.*
 10. *Be captive to the word of God and the work of ministry and you will be no man's captive even if you are physically bound.*
 11. *Leave your personal safety in His hands as you place your heart on the mission-field and His hands will sustain you in the heat of danger.*
 12. *They will look for you in the prison they placed you, but will find you in the freedom God gives you through His word.*
 13. *You witness of Christ with your words and you free the Holy Spirit to witness of Christ through you with your works.*
 14. *You may be small but you are filled; fill your nation and communities with the good news and you will be fulfilled.*
 15. *Speak in love, but your words will be a witness of His blood to everyone who hears it.*
 16. *They can kill you for the truth you carry, but cannot kill the truth; it will carry on carrying you.*
 17. *Religion fights to defend itself not God; God is strong enough to mount His own defence.*
 18. *His works are too loud to be ignored; the only thing that changes the heart of unbelievers is Christ not violence.*
 19. *Suffering for Christ is the joy of believers; intimidation serves as motivation. Believers are wired in the reverse to reverse every wire and threat extended at them.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Merciful Father, let every prideful, pretentious spirit be driven from the hearts of believers, in the name of Jesus.
- I humble myself at Your feet Lord Jesus; examine me and remove every selfish thought from my heart. Amen.
- Spirit of hard work and integrity, rest in the spirit of every church volunteer, in the name of Jesus.
- Holy Spirit, I refuse to grieve You or to challenge You; I fear before You living in me. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, You separated from Your wealth to come and get me; I refuse to let wealth separate me from You. I refuse to corrupt myself for money. Amen.

EFFECTIVE delegation, for there are, after all,

**People in your service with powerful calls;
People full of faith and power
To do great miracles and mighty wonders,
With words of wisdom none can resist
standing right there in your midst.
People who are strong when persecution
comes about;
Bound for glory without a doubt;
And, yes, effective delegation, will ensure
You, yourself are not burnt out.**

ACTS 6

- ¹When at that time, the number of disciples had multiplied, the Grecians murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the ministry to the needs that were done daily.
- ²Then the twelve called the many disciples to themselves, saying, "There is no reason that we should leave God's word in order to attend to and serve tables.
- ³Seek among you brethren, for seven men of honest report, men full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom whom we may appoint over this business at hand;
- ⁴and we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the word in ministry."
- ⁵And this was pleasing to everyone. And they chose Stephen, full of faith and the Holy Ghost, and Phillip, Prochorus and Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas and Nicolas, who was a proselyte of Antioch,
- ⁶whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.
- ⁷And the word of God increased, and the disciples in Jerusalem multiplied greatly; and a great company of priests were also obedient to the faith, believing in Jesus Christ and were saved.
- ⁸And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great miracles and wonders among the people.
- ⁹And certain men of the synagogue arose, which was called the Synagogue of the Libertines, with the Cyrenians and Alexandrians and of Cilicia and Asia, disputing with Stephen.
- ¹⁰And they were unable to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.
- ¹¹Then they recruited men who said, "We heard him speak blasphemously against Moses and also against God."
- ¹²And they stirred up the people and the elders and also the scribes. And they came to him and caught him and brought him to the Council.
- ¹³And they set up false witnesses, who said, "This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law.
- ¹⁴For we heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place,

and He will change the customs Moses delivered us.”

¹⁵And all who sat on the Council, looking steadfastly at him that day, saw his face, looking as if it was the face of an angel.

But hardened hearts will leave men blind to even such unusual signs.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Birthing a vision is like the stages of bearing a child: conceiving and conceptualizing; developing, giving birth, nurturing and dependence, growth, maturity and delegation, then releasing and managing; independence.*
2. *Growth and maturity will force the need for organization, structure and management.*
3. *Growth always pushes you from managing staff to managing structures and system.*
4. *Ministry is weighty and should not be taken lightly; even the ministry of ushering and hospitality requires wisdom, good reputation and individuals full of the Holy Spirit.*
5. *Strong support pillars make strong ministries; poor support pillars put ministries on life support.*
6. *Ministry of the word necessitates continuous prayer; the more you pray the more you succeed, the more you succeed the more you pray.*
7. *Prayer brings trust from a platform of relationship that positions you for exponential growth and expanded responsibility.*
8. *Pass the hours away in prayer and minister from a platform of power that never passes. Prayer builds platform and causes you to perform.*
9. *They cannot put a handle on you when God has His hand on you.*
10. *They may position you, but they cannot pin-point or place you when you perform for the eyes of the Lord continually.*
11. *Organization and structure will expand what you have well beyond your own physical capacity and resources, causing you to reach further, affect more lives and effect greater changes.*
12. *The higher your level in faith, the greater the devils you bait. Distinguish yourself in the Lord and you will become a distinguishing target of the enemy's efforts to extinguish your fire.*
13. *If they cannot gainsay or deny you, they will play games with you and seek to destroy you.*
14. *When you build lies to protect your truth, you know your truth can no longer stand on its own footing.*
15. *You may resist a move of the Holy Spirit but you cannot restrain it; it will move around you and keep on moving in spite of you.*
16. *Your face will shine with innocence like the face of an angel if you surrender to God in the midst of the lies and grievous accusation of your enemy.*
17. *You may not have a voice but you have a vocabulary that they do not have; what you cannot say with words let it shine from your face.*

PRAYER POINTS

- I speak the wisdom to structure for growth and expansion into the hearts of our pastors and leaders, in the name of Jesus.
- Power to manage growth and to delegate effectively be upon every ministry today, in the name of Jesus.
- Spirit of discernment, open the eyes of every min-

ister to the most effective assignment of their human resources. Make them understand the spirits that are close to them. Amen.

- Spirit of the living God, hear the cry of a pastor today; send them good support pillars on which to build and financial pillars to free them for ministry. Amen.
- Loving Father, release ministers from mundane responsibilities that they may spend time in the word and in prayer with the Word. Amen.

STOP the ears, gnash the teeth:
You may not want to hear or see, but it is real.

Look at their rage; can you believe?

You have resisted the Holy Spirit as your fathers did before;

Who sold Joseph into Egypt and rejected God's work in Moses also.

But Oh, the glory, Jesus I see, Standing at the Father's right hand.

They stopped their ears as they resisted, And with rancour attacked. Forgive them, God!

ACTS 7

¹Then the high priest asked, "Are these things so?"

²And he said, "Hear me you men, fathers and brothers;

the God of glory appeared to

Abraham our father in the days of old,

when he was still yet in Mesopotamia,

before he dwelt in the land of Harran,

³and told him, 'Get out of your country and

away from your family

and come into the land that I will show you.'

⁴And he came out of the land of the Chal-

deans and dwelt in Canaan;

and when his father was dead, he departed

from there to this land where you now dwell.

⁵And He gave him no inheritance in it, not so

much as to set his foot on;

yet He promised it to him for a possession,

and to his seed after him, when as yet he had

no child.

⁶And to him God spoke saying, 'Your seed

shall live in a strange land,

and they will bring them into bondage and

treat them awfully for four hundred years;

⁷and the nation to whom they are in bondage I

will judge,' said God,

'and after that they shall come out and serve

Me in this place.'

⁸And He gave him the covenant of circumcision.

And Abraham fathered Isaac, and Isaac fathered

Jacob; and Jacob fathered the twelve

patriarchs.

⁹And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold

Joseph into Egypt; but God was with him

¹⁰and delivered him out of all his afflictions

and gave him favor with Pharaoh, Egypt's

king.

And in his sight, God gave him wisdom.

And he made him governor over the land of

Egypt and of all his house.

¹¹But then there was a famine over the land of Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction. Our fathers found no provision.

¹²But when Jacob heard grain was in Egypt, he sent our fathers first to buy.

¹³And Joseph made himself known to his brothers the second time.

And to Pharaoh Joseph's relatives were made known.

¹⁴And Joseph called his father Jacob to Egypt and all of his relatives with him, a total of seventy-five persons.

¹⁵So Jacob went down into Egypt and died, he and our fathers in due course.

¹⁶He was carried to Shechem and laid to rest in the sepulchre Abraham had bought for a sum of money of the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem.

¹⁷And when the time of the promise drew near, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people multiplied and grew in Egypt

¹⁸until another king who did not know Joseph arose.

¹⁹He dealt shrewdly with our ancestors and did evil to our fathers, so that they cast out their young to the end that they might not live.

²⁰At that time Moses was born; he was exceedingly fair, and they nourished him in his father's house for three months.

²¹And when he was cast out of his home, Pharaoh's daughter took him up and nourished him for her own son.

²²And Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and he was mighty in words and deed.

²³And when he was fully forty years, it entered his heart to visit his brethren, Israel.

²⁴And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him and avenged the oppressed, and struck the Egyptian.

²⁵He supposed his brethren would understand, how God, by his hand, would deliver them, but they never understood.

²⁶And he showed himself to them the next day as they fought among themselves.

He would have set them at peace again, saying, 'Sirs, why wrong each other? You are brothers!'

²⁷But he who did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and judge over us?'

²⁸'Will you kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?'

²⁹And Moses fled at this saying.

And he was a stranger in the land of Midian; there he fathered two sons.

³⁰And when forty years had expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai an angel of the Lord in a fiery bush.

³¹'And Moses wondered at the sight when he saw this.

And as he drew near to investigate it, the voice

of the Lord came to him,

³²saying, 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'

And Moses trembled and did not look at Him.

³³Then the Lord said, 'Take the shoes from off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.'

³⁴And He said, 'I have seen the affliction of My people in Egypt and I have heard their groans, and I am come to deliver them.

Come, I will send you into Egypt now.'

³⁵This Moses whom you refused before, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?'

The same person God sent to be ruler and deliverer by the hand of the angel that appeared to him in the bush.

³⁶And after he had shown signs and wonders in Egypt, then this same Moses brought them out;

and he showed wonders in the Red Sea there, and in the wilderness for forty years.

³⁷This is that same Moses who said in the ears of all the children of Israel,

'A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up to you of your brethren just like me;

Him you shall hear.'

³⁸Know that this same Moses is he who was in the church in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him in the mount of Sinai, and was with our fathers who received the lively oracles to give us;

³⁹whom our fathers would not obey, but from them they thrust him away and turned back again in their hearts to the land of Egypt.

⁴⁰They said to Aaron, 'Make gods to go before us, for we do not know what has become of this Moses who brought us out of Egypt.'

⁴¹And they made a calf in those days, and sacrificed to the idol,

and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

⁴²Then God turned and gave them up at that time to worship the host of heaven.

As it is written in the book of the prophets, 'O you house of Israel, have you offered to Me for forty years in the wilderness, sacrifices and slain beasts?'

⁴³'You took up the tabernacle of Molech, and the star of your god, Rompha, figures which you made to worship; and I will carry you away beyond Babylon for this.'

⁴⁴Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness as He appointed to Moses, commanding him to make it in accordance with the fashion he had seen,

⁴⁵which also our fathers who came after brought with Joshua into the possession of the Gentiles

whom God drove out before our fathers until the days of David.

⁴⁶And David found favor before God and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of

Jacob,

⁴⁷but Solomon built a house for Him.

⁴⁸However the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, even as the prophets had also said:

⁴⁹Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool.

What house will you build Me?' says the Lord, 'Or what is the place of My rest?'

⁵⁰Have not My hands made all these things?'

⁵¹You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears.

you do always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you here.

⁵²'Which of the prophets have your fathers not persecuted?'

And they have slain them, who showed before of the coming of the Just One, who you have now been the betrayers and murderers of.

⁵³They have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it."

⁵⁴And when they heard these things, they were disturbed to their hearts, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

⁵⁵And being full of the Holy Spirit, he looked up into heaven steadfastly and saw God's awesome and majestic glory, and Jesus standing at God's right hand.

⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of man standing at God's right hand."

Yes, observing every moment of his persecution.

⁵⁷Then with a loud voice they cried out and stopped their ears and ran at him as a united band;

⁵⁸and they cast him from the city and flung stones at him.

And the witnesses laid their clothes down at the feet of a young man named Saul.

He too was being observed intently.

⁵⁹And they stoned Stephen as he called on his God, saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

⁶⁰And he knelt down and with a loud voice cried, "Lord, do not lay this sin to their charge."

And when he said this he fell dead.

You are never alone; the Lord sees, He observes, He knows.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The move of God today is no mystery, it is mastery that ties history to culture and observations.*
2. *They may deny the present, but they cannot deny the precedents and the Presence who formed and carried them.*
3. *They cannot ignore your relevance if you make it relevant to what is relevant to them. Christ is the mystery of their history, the currency of their culture and the culmination of their hope.*
4. *Obedience to God met with objection of man, jealousy and anger is replete in history and so is the overcoming faith of believers and the faithfulness of God.*
5. *Rejection of truth does not change the truth and replacing truth does not destroy it, instead it repositions truth to return at a level and a force*

that cannot be rejected or denied.

6. *You may reject the messenger, but the message remains potent and relevant; you may kill the messenger, but the message never dies, just like Moses, his prophecy of Christ will return irrefutably.*
7. *The words of the once rejected Moses, 'Be careful not to reject the Prophet the Lord will send,' echoed in the heat of their anger with the reality of his warning.*
8. *The hardness of the hearts of God's people to every novel move of God is replete throughout history and constantly a repeat of history.*
9. *Where religion becomes a ritual and not relational, the hearts of men will accept the practice of religion but not the Person, God the practitioner.*
10. *The level of your calling will determine the level of your mauling or public persecution.*
11. *Do not get angry with God because of persecution, or get angry with yourself; be angry with men because of the hardness of their hearts and be angry with the devil.*
12. *Unassailable love for the Holy Spirit is a dangerous practice in an unbelieving world of people with unshakable love for themselves; the many persecuted, martyred and betrayed can testify.*
13. *When the word cuts you to your heart, open your heart and get down on your knees rather than close your heart and gnash your teeth.*
14. *You may ask where the Son of man is when you need Him most; He is standing at God's right hand getting God engaged in your situation.*
15. *They lambast you not because you are lost, but because they are; not because you are hopeless but because they have no hope.*
16. *Their final act may be your death; your final act must be their life and forgiveness.*
17. *When you are an advocate for those who are angry and bitter, it advocates against you.*
18. *Be careful what they lay at your feet; they lay down their clothes, you take up the responsibility for His blood.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Marvellous Lord, unveil Your heart to this generation, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, walk the hearts of unbelievers through a lesson of Your grace and goodness in their lives. Reveal to them the many times You intervened on their behalf. Amen.
- Let the power of effective communication be upon every minister of the gospel, in the name of Jesus.
- Most High God, preserve and deliver every minister being persecuted for their faith; surround them with a shield of glory. Amen.
- Merciful Father, make the hearts of men tender to the truth of the word. Amen.

THE earth has seen the greatness of the glory of the Lord; He is trampling down the vintage, where Simon's sorceries are sown. With mighty signs and wonders, and the power of the Holy Ghost, The truth is marching on. Driven on wheels of persecutions beyond our comfort zones, Marching on the wind to Ethiopia by the eunuch's new joy found, Onward on wings to Azotus,

**To Caesarea and beyond,
The truth is marching on.**

ACTS 8

¹Saul was consenting to his death. And there was at that time a great persecution against the church, which was at Jerusalem. And they were all scattered abroad, throughout Judea and Samaria, except for the apostles, who did not move on.

²Devout men carried Stephen to burial, and over him they lamented greatly with tears.

³And Saul made havoc of the church, entering into every house, hauling both men and women, committing them to prison.

But the truth was marching on.

⁴The people who were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.

⁵Then Philip went down to Samaria and preached Christ to them in their world.

⁶And the people responded to the things he spoke, all in one accord, hearing and seeing his miracles, *and the truth went marching on.*

⁷For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, went out of many who were possessed, and many taken with the palsy, and who were lame were healed.

⁸And there was great joy in the city.

For the truth was marching on.

⁹But in that city was a certain man named Simon who in the past used sorcery, bewitching the people of Samaria, making himself out as one who was great.

¹⁰They all obeyed him, from the least to the greatest, and they called him, "The great power of God."

¹¹They respected him because he had bewitched them for a long time.

¹²But when they believed Phillip, preaching the things of the kingdom of God, and of the name of Jesus, Simon's vintage was trampled on;

as the truth went marching on.

They were baptizing both men and women.

¹³And Simon believed also.

And when he was baptized, he continued with Philip and was daily in wonder because of the miracles and the signs that were done.

The truth was marching on.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem had heard the news about Samaria, that they had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to confirm them.

¹⁵When they came down they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit;

¹⁶for they had not received the Holy Spirit yet. They were baptized only in the name of Jesus.

¹⁷And when they laid their hands on them they received the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸When Simon saw them receive the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands,

¹⁹he offered them money, saying, "Give me this power also that whomever I lay my hands

on may receive the Holy Spirit."

²⁰But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you have thought that with money the gift of God can be bought.

²¹In this matter you have neither part nor lot, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.

²²Repent, therefore of this wickedness and pray to God, if perhaps the thoughts of your heart may be forgiven you,

²³for I perceive you are in the bondage of bitterness and bound in iniquity."

The truth pierced him then.

²⁴"Pray to the Lord for me, that none of these things you have spoken of will come upon me," Simeon begged.

And after that they spread the word of truth around.

²⁵And when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem and preached in many villages of the Samaritans.

²⁶And the angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Arise and go southward to the way of the desert from Jerusalem to Gaza; march with the truth southward bound!"

²⁷And he rose and went, and he beheld, an Ethiopian man, a eunuch having great authority with Candace, queen of the Ethiopians.

He had charge of all her treasure.

He had come to Jerusalem to worship and would take the truth back to his land.

²⁸As he was returning sitting in his chariot, reading Isaiah the prophet,

²⁹the Spirit told Phillip, "Go near; join yourself to his chariot."

³⁰And Phillip ran toward him.

Run with the truth if you have it.

He heard him reading from Isaiah the prophet. He said, "Do you understand what you read?"

³¹And he answered, "How can I unless some man should guide me?"

Then he desired that Phillip should come up and sit with him.

³²And this is what he read from Isaiah, "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and like a lamb dumb before His shearer, so He never opened His mouth.

³³In His humiliation, His judgment was taken away,

and now who shall declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch desired to know the truth.

He said to Phillip, "Tell me, of whom does this prophet speak, of himself or some other man?"

³⁵And Philip opened his mouth at this, and beginning at the same Scripture, he preached Jesus.

³⁶And as they went their way, they came to a certain water;

and the eunuch said, "See here is water, what prevents me from being baptized?"

Oh, but that all would receive the truth with such open heart and mind!

³⁷And Phillip said, "If you believe with all your heart, it may be realized."

And he said, "I believe that Jesus is the Son of God."

³⁸He commanded the chariot to stand still, and into the water they went down, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him then.

³⁹And when Philip had come from the water, he was caught away by the Spirit of Lord. The eunuch saw him no more, and went rejoicing on his way.

The truth would reach Ethiopia, for it found a heart that was prepared.

⁴⁰But Philip was found at Azotus, and marching through he preached there in all the cities, until he came to Caesarea.

For the truth must march right on.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *If they cannot cage and protect their religion they will capture and kill those who are open to the new wind of God, and to His move in the church.*
2. *The greatest opposition to a move of God comes from the people of God who think they have God locked, but can only explain their hostility if they exclude God and lock His word away.*
3. *Persecution is the platform for promulgation; pressure is the platform for Presence; death is the platform for life, expansion and increase.*
4. *If you are sold out, persecution cannot cause you to sell-out and give up your faith, but it will crush you to give it out; persecution cannot cause you to surrender your God, but will cause your surrendered heart to submit to His will to evangelize and advertise Him.*
5. *The word without the works is limited; the word impacts the ears but works impact hearts.*
6. *The word that saves is the word that heals, and the word that delivers to a world in need; yet the word is as weak as our willingness to extend our faith and to fully engage Him.*
7. *Bound believers cannot experience or deliver full joy; press in for the full freedom package.*
8. *The best of witches, wizards and sorcerers need Jesus; they will submit to the power inside you when your demonstration supersedes and re-voles their remonstrance.*
9. *Baptism in water demonstrates the walk with Christ; baptism in the Holy Spirit demonstrates Christ; it engages His power. Baptism with water brings you to Jesus who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire by your faith.*
10. *The baptism in the Holy Spirit is unimportant to some but important enough to bring the head of the early church to Samaria.*
11. *If they are no longer following you, follow them to the truth they now follow: Christ.*
12. *Your heart is not right if all your efforts are to distract people from Christ and to divert them to following you.*
13. *You are exalted in the world through corruption and demonic exaltation, but you are exalted in Christ through submission, humility and faith.*
14. *Your heart may be at the right place, but not with the right Person; you may be with the free in covenant but bound in iniquity.*

15. *Never a price high enough to equal or surpass the price paid by the One who was lifted high; it is not about owning Him but knowing Him.*
16. *When you are on the move the Lord will give you directions; when you are in the move you go wherever He tells you.*
17. *You may be diverted from the multitude to deliver to one; do not be distracted, your delivery is always by One and to One, the Holy Spirit. Your ministry to one could be your pitch to a nation and to generations through that one.*
18. *Some have exposure, but no closure; they are reaching but not receiving, reading but not understanding; it is our duty to reach them.*
19. *The positioning of your heart propels you to openly proclaim Him in public immersion.*
20. *Forget your many excuses, nothing hinders you from accepting Jesus but your faith; nothing hinders you from getting baptized but your pride.*
21. *If God can convey through you the wind of the gospel He will convey you on the wings of angels.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Loving Father, be a shield around believers who dare to take You at Your word. Amen.
- Let every religious spirit seeking to block, restrict or discredit the current move of God, receive fire from God now, in the name of Jesus.
- Spirit of our Lord Jesus who expanded through death, cause growth to spring from the sacrifice of the persecuted in the body of Christ, in the name of Jesus.
- Holy Spirit, Comforter, comfort the afflicted in the body of Christ with peace and productivity. Amen.
- Great and mighty God, display Your works through believers; baptize Your church with indisputable and amazing works. Amen.

BLIND anger, zest and passion.

He persecuted them all the way, So that for the believers no place was considered safe.

As he set out on his next mission, he was blinded by the truth.

Astonished, fearful, trembling, His eyes were blinded, but he knew.

He left with clear vision from that place, Sent to Straight street to be set straight; Then all were blinded by his faith.

And from then the believers were safe, Raising the dead in acts of grace.

ACTS 9

¹And Saul, yet breathing out threatening and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord,

²went to the high priest and desired letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this Way, man or woman, he would bring them to Jerusalem bound.

³And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone all around.

⁴He fell down to the earth then and heard a voice say to him,

"Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?"

⁵He said, "Who are You Lord?"

And the Lord said, "I am Jesus who you are persecuting; it is hard for you to kick against the pricks."

⁶As he was astonished and trembling, he said, "Lor... Lord, what will You have me to do?"

And the Lord said to him,

"Arise and go into the city, and it will be told you what you must do then."

⁷And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but not seeing who spoke.

⁸And Saul rose up from the earth blind.

When his eyes were opened, he saw no man or anything.

They took him by the hand and they led him into the street of Damascus.

⁹And he was in Damascus three days without sight, neither did he eat or drink.

¹⁰And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, Ananias was his name.

To him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias," and he said, "Lord, I am here."

¹¹And the Lord said, "Arise and go this day to the street that is called Straight,

and inquire in the house of Judas for one called, Saul of Tarsus, for behold he prays,

¹²"and has seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in and laying hand on him, that he might receive sight."

¹³Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard many things of this man, how much evil he has done to Your saints at Jerusalem.

¹⁴Now here he has come in the authority of the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go your way, for he is a chosen vessel to Me, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings, and also to the children of Israel.

In his blindness, clear vision he has obtained.

¹⁶"For I will show him how great things he must suffer for My name's sake."

¹⁷And Ananias went his way and entered the house, and putting his hand on him said,

"Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus who appeared to you in the way as you came, has sent me that you might receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost this day."

¹⁸And what appeared to be scales fell from his eyes,

and he received his sight immediately and arose and was baptized.

¹⁹And when he had received food, he was strengthened and was with the disciples at Damascus certain days,

²⁰and he preached Christ in the synagogues immediately, that He was the Son of God.

²¹All who heard him were amazed, saying, "Is this not him who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem,

and with this intent came here also that he may bring them bound to the chief priests?"

²²But Saul increased much more in strength

and confounded the Jews at Damascus, boldly proving that this is the very Christ.

²³And after many days, the Jews took counsel to kill him.

²⁴And Saul knew they had set a trap for him. They watched the gates day and night.

²⁵And the disciples took him and let him down the walls in a basket by night.

²⁶When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples, but they were afraid of him and did not believe he was a disciple.

²⁷But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how he had seen the Lord in the way and that to him the Lord had spoken;

and how he had spoken boldly at Damascus in the the name of the Lord Jesus.

²⁸And he was with them thereafter, coming in and going out of Jerusalem.

²⁹And he disputed among the Grecians, but they went about to kill him.

³⁰When the brethren knew it, they brought him to Caesarea, and sent him away to Tarsus.

³¹After this the churches had rest throughout all Judea, Galilee and Samaria, and were edified, walking in the fear of the Lord with faith intensified;

and were multiplied in the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

³²And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down to the saints who dwelt at Lydda.

³³There he found a certain man named Aeneas who was sick with palsy for eight years, and confined to his bed.

³⁴And Peter said to him then, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ makes you whole; arise and take your bed."

And he immediately arose.

³⁵And all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw this man, and they turned to the Lord.

³⁶Now there was a certain disciple named Tabitha in Joppa, she was called Dorcas by interpretation.

This woman was full of good works and generous giving to the poor.

³⁷And it came to pass in those days she was sick, and she fell dead.

And when they had washed her, she was laid in an upstairs room, for Lydda was near to Joppa.

³⁸And the disciples heard that Peter was there, and they sent two men to him, desiring that he would not delay to come to them.

³⁹And Peter rose up and went with them; and they brought him into the room upstairs. And all the widows stood by him, weeping, showing the coats and garments Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰And Peter reached out his hand and prayed, kneeling down beside her;

Then he turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, arise!" And she opened her eyes. And when she saw Peter, she sat up in bed. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and lifted her up then; and when he had called the widows and the saints, he presented her alive to them. ⁴²And it was known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³And he remained in Joppa with Simon, a tanner, many days after this deed.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Zeal misdirected is dangerous and damaging; it does not need a mandate it is marauding.
2. People remain enemies of the Lord because they have not met Him.
3. They fight what they cannot fathom; they wrong what they do not understand.
4. You will be blinded with hate until you are blindsided by Love and with love.
5. You will never engage the blindness of your heart as long as you are deceived by the brightness of your own vision.
6. You will have lost your way fighting against those who are of the Way, until you realize the Way is a Person and He finds you lost.
7. Find the rock solid truth and your hardened rock solid neck will escape breaking on its mission of futility fighting the rock solid Word.
8. When you are blinded by the truth, let the truth enlighten you and give direction to your zeal. Zeal with knowledge seeks direction, zeal without direction is dangerous.
9. You may think you know an individual but you will know how little you know about them after they meet the Lord.
10. Never allow the devil's distraction to become your description of others, speak the Lord's prescription about their purpose and destiny.
11. It may be impossible to embrace the loveless acts that a person has done, but it should not be impossible to embrace a person who has fallen into the arms of Love.
12. They may be surprised to understand how much they need the very thing they fight so much against.
13. If suffering is your game it will play you in the game of love. You would not suffer love but once you meet Love you embrace how willing you become to suffer for love.
14. The most potent prayer for the wicked is that the Lord baptizes them with the punishment of Saul; that they be washed, converted, imprisoned by faith and sentenced to hard labor in the fields of love.
15. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is basic entry for effective ministry defined by power and faith, go for the full package.
16. Let the change in you manifest to the glory of God so the chains on others may be broken.
17. When you are changed, make your platform your pulpit and your agitators your agitation.
18. If they seek to kill you, it is not because of you but the Christ in you; when you know Christ personally you become a target because of who you are carrying.
19. It takes great faith to accept the mystery of change when the person has a notorious history.
20. If you chain your enemy it agitates them and makes them more aggressive; when your en-

emy is changed it subdues them and creates a platform for peace.

21. Live with such extravagances in love and giving that you are missed.
22. Your generosity will awaken faith in ordinary people to see extraordinary things happen, just to keep from losing you, even if it means bringing you back from the dead.

PRAYER POINTS

- Spirit of the living God, breathe wisdom and control into the hearts of everyone who has a zeal for You, in the name of Jesus.
- Fear of the living God, fall upon our lawmakers and those who influence them, in the name of Jesus.
- Most kind, loving, forgiving God, give Your enemies a tour of Your heart today. I speak divine encounters to all haters of the truth. Amen.
- Marvellous Lord, let those who have plotted and executed atrocities against the church receive the punishment of Saul; turn them around and make them slaves to the gospel they hated. Amen.
- Light of the World, shine Your light of freedom into the darkness of human hearts today. Amen.

WALLS are coming down.

When you are hungry you will know

That there is a thin line between what you will eat and what you won't.

But when you maintain a discipline, only the Holy Spirit can build the bridge between.

But all men should know,

Your giving and your prayer is a formula that is right

To make great walls go crashing,

With mighty falls go crashing,

And you receive victories in your life.

ACTS 10

¹There was a certain man in Caesarea whose name was Cornelius.

He was a centurion of the band called the Italian band.

²He was a devoted man and one who feared the Lord, with all his house.

He gave generously to the people, and prayed to God always.

³In a vision he saw, about the ninth hour, an angel of God coming in to him,

and he spoke to him, saying, "Cornelius."

⁴And when he looked up at him he was frightened.

He said, "What is it Lord?" And the angel replied,

"Your prayer and your giving have come up before God for a memorial.

⁵Now send men to Joppa and call one named Simon Peter.

⁶He lodges with one Simon a tanner. You will find his house by the seaside.

He will tell you what you are to do."

⁷And when the angel who spoke with him departed,

he selected two men from the servants of his household,
and a dedicated soldier who waited on him continually.

⁸When he had declared to them all these things, he sent them to Joppa,

⁹and they went on their journey the following day.

When they reached near to the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray;
it was about the sixth hour of the day.

¹⁰And he became very hungry and would have eaten;
but while they prepared the meal he fell into a trance.

¹¹He saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending as it had been a great sheet, at the four corners knitted.

¹²It was let down to the earth, and in it there were all manner of four-footed beasts of the earth,
and wild beasts, creeping things and fowls of the air.

¹³Then to him a voice came saying,

“Arise, Peter, kill and eat!”

¹⁴But Peter responded, saying, “Not so, Lord, for I have never eaten anything common or unclean.”

¹⁵And the voice spoke to him a second time,

“What God has cleansed, do not call common.”

¹⁶And this was done three times, then into heaven the vessel was received up again.

¹⁷Now as Peter doubted in himself what this vision that he had seen would mean, behold the men sent by Cornelius made inquiry for Simon’s house and stood before the gate.

¹⁸They called and asked whether Simon surnamed Peter was lodging there.

¹⁹While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Behold, three men seek you.

²⁰Get down now and go with them, doubting nothing, for I have sent them.”

²¹Then Peter went down to the men who Cornelius had sent to him,

and said, “Behold, I am he whom you seek; what is the reason you have come?”

²²And they said, “Cornelius the centurion, a man who fears God and is also a just man, and is of a good report among all the nation of the Jews,

was warned of God by a holy angel to send to this house for you, to hear words from you.”

²³And he called them in and lodged them.

And the following day he went with them, accompanied by certain brethren from Joppa.

²⁴Cornelius was waiting for them as they entered into Caesarea the following day.

He called together his extended family and near friends.

²⁵And as Peter was coming, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshipped;

²⁶but he said, “Stand up, I am a man also myself.”

²⁷And as he talked with him, he went in and found many who were gathered there.

²⁸He said, “It is an unlawful thing for a Jew to keep company, or come to one of another nation.

But God had showed me not to call any man unclean or common,

²⁹therefore I have come to you without arguing as soon as you sent.

Why did you send for me, then; what is your intent?”

³⁰And Cornelius said, “Four days ago I was fasting until this hour.

³¹“I prayed in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, before me a man stood.

He was in bright clothing, and he said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer is heard by God and your giving is held before Him in remembrance.

³²Now send to Joppa and call to you Simon whose surname is Peter.

He is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner, which is by the seaside.

When he comes he will speak to you thereafter.”

³³“I therefore sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come.

Now, therefore, we are here present before God to hear the things He has commanded you.”

³⁴Then Peter said, as he opened his mouth, “Of a truth I perceive God is no respecter of persons,

³⁵but in every nation all those who fear Him and work righteousness, He accepts.

³⁶The word which God sent to the children of Israel by Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, preaching peace.

³⁷“The word I am about to say, you know, it has been published throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached,

³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him.

³⁹And we are witnesses of all things which He did in the land among the Jews, and in Jerusalem.

This Jesus they slew and on a tree hanged Him.

⁴⁰But God raised Him up the third day and showed Him openly,

⁴¹not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before of God, even us, who did eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead.

⁴²And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that it is He whom God ordained to be the Judge of the living and the dead.

⁴³“To Him all the prophets gave witness, that through His name, whoever believes in Him shall receive remission of sins.”

⁴⁴And while Peter was still speaking these

words, on all who heard the word he spoke, the Holy Spirit came.

⁴⁵And all of the circumcised Jews who believed were astonished, because on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit,

⁴⁶for they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

⁴⁷Then Peter answered, "Can any man forbid water that they should be baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit as well as us?"

⁴⁸And then he commanded that they be baptized in the Lord's name; then they requested that he remain certain days.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Keep praying, keep giving even when nothing seems to be happening, you are building altars of memorial, you will be remembered.*
2. *Prayer and generosity is a potent combination that unlocks heaven and opens doors to you that were previously inaccessible.*
3. *Your answers may be locked up in others; your prosperity in people, your destiny in your connections; God will connect you to the right people as conduits to convey the releases He has in store for you.*
4. *There may be someone carrying the fire you need; you may just need to find them.*
5. *Prayer builds bridges, breaks down barriers and connects people in the spirit.*
6. *Religion limits you to tradition and knowledge, relationship opens you up to God.*
7. *God truly owns you when you are willing to lose you to embrace the inconceivable; but God.*
8. *Flesh will always seek to drown the voice of the Spirit, but a heart for obedience pulls down, dismantles and destroys the voice of the flesh.*
9. *When obedience to God is a lifestyle, then encounters with God will be the style of your life and your daily experience.*
10. *Your experiences and encounters with God are personal but not private, invite your relatives and friends to His table.*
11. *The God who is touching you seeks to touch through you; never miss a moment to express Him.*
12. *Never mistake your channel for your source, or you will witness your supply when your channel is gone; give all the glory to God.*
13. *God will break the law to break into the hearts and break out on the people if you will break away with Him.*
14. *If it is about God, it is about the word, the works, the prophets, our witness and your divine encounters which in summary is all about Jesus: His death, burial and resurrection.*
15. *Release yourself to the work of God; He is doing far beyond what you anticipate of Him. Break free, He is ready to break out.*
16. *Seed your obedience to see God's gracious magnificence.*
17. *You are reserved about baptizing with water yet God is unrestrained with His Fire.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Lord Jesus, remember the faithful on their knees today and answer their prayers, in the name of Jesus.

- Faithful God, You are no man's debtor; let every generous heart receive supernatural provision today and every gift into the kingdom receive kingdom recognition. Amen.
- God of relationship, connect every believer with the people designated to unlocking their destiny, in the name of Jesus.
- Holy Spirit, I speak divine positioning to every believer today; place them in churches and with leaders who will help them grow and unlock their destinies. Amen.
- Merciful Father, answer the sincere prayers of hearts searching for you; remember those who are demonically locked in impossible situations, addiction and concubine life; build bridges to their eternity today. Amen.

GOD is working in Caesarea, the same works He does in you, Giving, forgiveness, bearing witness, By the power of the Holy Ghost. Send a witness to every nation; If you are Christians this will show; And when a famine affects your nation, Your seeds will bear fruits unto you.

ACTS 11

¹The apostles and brethren in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received God's word.

²And when Peter returned to Jerusalem, those who were circumcised contended with him, saying,

³"You went in to uncircumcised men and you ate with them."

⁴Then Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and in the order of events he explained it to them,

⁵saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and while in a trance, I saw this vision; a certain vessel let down from heaven by the four corners, as if it was a great sheet.

It came to me, and when I fastened my eyes on it,

⁶I considered and saw four-footed beasts, along with wild beasts, creeping things, and fowls of the air let down to me.

⁷"And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Arise, Peter, butcher and eat!'

⁸But I said, 'Not so, Lord, for into my mouth has entered nothing common and unclean.'

⁹But the voice answered me from heaven, 'Do not call common what God has cleansed.'

¹⁰And this was done three times and it was drawn up into heaven again.

¹¹"And three men had already come to the house where I was, sent to me from Caesarea.

¹²And the Spirit prompted me go with them, not doubting anything; moreover, six brethren accompanied me.

And we entered into this man's house and he showed us how he had seen an angel there who stood before him,

¹³"and how the angel said to him, 'Send men to Joppa and call Simon, whose surname is Peter,

¹⁴and he will tell you words by which you will be saved and your household.’

¹⁵And as I began to speak to them the Holy Ghost fell on them, as He came on us at the beginning;

¹⁶and I remembered the Lord’s word, ‘**John indeed baptized with water, but with the Holy Ghost you shall be baptized.**’

¹⁷Forasmuch as God gave them the same gift as He gave us who believed on Christ, what was I that I could withstand God?”

And Peter made himself accountable to them.

¹⁸And when they heard these things they held their peace and glorified God, and said, “Then God has granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.”

¹⁹Now those who were scattered abroad by the persecution that arose about Stephen, travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, preaching the word to the Jews only.

²⁰And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene which, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus and His word.

²¹And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

²²Then the news of these things came to the church in Jerusalem.

And they sent Barnabas that he should go as far as Antioch to them.

²³When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad and exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they would cling to the Lord.

²⁴For he was a good man, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and much people were added to the Lord.

²⁵Then Barnabas left out to seek Saul at Tarsus.

²⁶And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch.

And it came to pass that they assembled themselves with the church for a whole year. There they taught many people, and in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

²⁷And in those days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch.

²⁸And one of them stood up, his name was Agabus, and he signified by the Spirit that throughout all the world there would be a great famine.

It came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar;

²⁹and as the disciples were able, they undertook to send relief to the brethren who dwelt in Judea.

³⁰And this they did; they sent it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

A just return on the seeds sown in them.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Always flow with the Holy Ghost; they can argue with your spirit and question your motives but they cannot argue with the Holy Spirit.*

2. *Whatever God gives to you is yours for all peoples, for nothing is really yours until you are free to give it away; the blessings of Abraham was his for all nations.*
3. *If God cannot work it through you, He will work around you to get it to them. It is best to acknowledge that it is His working in you; not yours or your works.*
4. *Persecution causes pursuance of purpose. Comfort within the walls projects attention to self; discomfort projects attention from self to God and positions self to pursue the pleasure and will of God.*
5. *Fruitfulness and fulfilment is the greatest medicine for the pain of persecution.*
6. *Your progress is no reason to be prideful; remain accountable.*
7. *God may propel and promote you by grace, but He establishes you by the anointing in the body.*
8. *Your greatest recognition may come from those you refuse to recognize; (the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch among the Gentiles whom the Jewish believers struggled with.)*
9. *Your ministry may one day become your minister; those you feed may one day be the ones to supply your needs.*
10. *Treat ministry to every person with equal importance; you may not know their importance to you, but recognize their importance to God and to the move of God.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Holy Spirit, my friend and counsellor, I am willing to be vilified for walking in obedience with You. Amen.
- My Lord Jesus, help me to give freely of what I have received freely of You; give to me the nations. Amen.
- Marvellous Lord, let me never be a roadblock for what You desire to do; I will hear You. I will be pliable in your hands. Amen.
- My Father God, I want You to find me faithful wherever I am and whatever my state is. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, make me fruitful for My Father; assuage my pain with abundant fruit, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**IT was the days in church history
When the church was in a daze,
For Herod slew James with the sword,
and Peter he bound in chains.
But God delivered Peter in an amazing
way,
While disbelieving believers were on their
knees in prayer.
“You are mad,” is what they all exclaimed,
When during united prayer Peter was delivered
safe.
And as they praised Herod as a god in
those days,
He was smitten by an angel and worms left
him dazed.**

ACTS 12

- ¹Now about that time King Herod stretched out his hands to vex some of the church,
- ²and he killed James the brother of John with the sword.
- ³And because he saw it pleased the Jews,

he proceeded to take Peter also.
 At that time were the days of unleavened bread,
⁴and when he arrested Peter, he placed him in prison and left him there.
 And he was delivered to four squads of soldiers to be kept,
 intending to bring him out after Passover.
⁵But prayer was made to God by the church without ceasing for him.
Their faith was severely challenged, but they challenged Peter's prison walls with their prayers.
⁶And when Herod would have brought him out,
 Peter was sleeping that same night bound, securely chained between two soldiers;
vigilantly guarded, protected, kept tight.
 The keepers kept the prison door outside.
It looked hopeless to man, but, no, not for Christ.
⁷And the angel of the Lord came to him; there in the prison a light shined.
 And he touched Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Quickly arise!"
 And his chains fell from his hands.
⁸And to him the angel said, "Strap on your sandals; wrap your belt around you."
 And he said again to him as he did this, "Put your garments on you and follow me."
⁹And he went out and followed the angel's lead.
 At the time he did not know that it was true, what the angel did on that day, but he thought he saw a vision *for he was completely in a daze.*
For he was tightly guarded.
¹⁰And when they were past the first and second ward, they came to the iron gate that led outward, leading to the city;
 and it opened to them of its own accord.
 And they went out and passed on through one street, and immediately the angel departed.
¹¹And when Peter came out of his daze, he said,
 "Now I know assuredly the Lord has sent His angel and has delivered me out of Herod's hands, and from the evil expectations of all the Jews."
¹²And when he had considered this, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark.
 Many were gathered there in united prayer.
¹³And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a young woman named Rhoda came to answer.
¹⁴And when she knew Peter's voice, she did not open the door for joy, but ran in and told how Peter stood at the gate.
¹⁵And they responded, "You are mad," and gave her a derisive gaze.
Yes, this is why they had gathered to pray, Yet now it happened, and they were all dazed and bewildered.
 So when she constantly affirmed it was he, they finally conceded, "It is his angel."

¹⁶But Peter continued knocking, and when they had opened the door they saw it was Peter,
 and they were amazed and astonished *beyond belief.*
¹⁷And he beckoned to them to be still.
 Then he declared how the Lord brought him to them out of prison.
 Then he said, "Go show these things to the brethren and James."
 And he departed and went to another place.
¹⁸Now as soon as it was day, the soldiers were bewildered in no small way,
 confused at what had become of Peter.
¹⁹And when Herod sought but could not find him, they examined the keepers about this and commanded that they be put to death.
 And Herod went from Judea to Caesarea and resided there.
²⁰And he was highly displeased with the people of Sidon and Tyre.
 But they came to him unitedly, having made Blastus, the king's chamberlain, their friend.
 They desired peace because their country was nourished by the country of the king's.
²¹And on a set day Herod, arrayed in his royal robe, sat on his throne,
 and he made an oration to them.
²²And the people gave a shout, saying, "This is the voice of a god and not a man."
²³And he was smitten immediately by the angel of the Lord because he did not give the glory to God;
 and he was eaten by worms and he died.
²⁴Yes, as they gazed on him in those days, Awe was transformed into stares of daze;
 And horror replaced their idolizing gaze
 As they saw to their bewilderment, their idol being disgraced.
²⁴But the word of God grew and multiplied,
²⁵and from Jerusalem, Barnabas and Saul returned when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they took with them John whose surname was Mark.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *They will confidently come at you from the top, but remain confident that your God is above all powers and thrones; He will defend you from His place far above them all.*
2. *Their evil intentions for you cannot abort or cause God's expression and purpose for you to expire.*
3. *They may secure you for themselves, but they cannot secure you or themselves from God. They touch you they offend your security and make themselves insecure.*
4. *It may not happen in your time, but it will definitely happen in His time and on time. There is never a late day in eternity.*
5. *Your prayers may have assured it, but it may not necessarily secure it immediately; your faith does.*
6. *There are no chains, or prison door, or guards, or bondage, or demons that can hold you bound when Christ sets you free.*
7. *When you are being delivered, your enemies will*

wake up to realize their worst nightmare is being wide awake.

8. There is no army that can out-power a single angel, there are no walls or gates to bar heaven's emissary; there is no person that can out smart them, and no situation too far out for them.
9. God is about to do things that will amaze you, and make you think that you are dreaming; wake up! It is real; it is God!
10. God will turn their evil expectation into astonishment and your pain into an expression of His praise and magnificence.
11. Pray expecting God to answer what you ask Him for, in the way you have asked; be surprised if it does not happen, not that it does.
12. Corporate prayers will gather fragmented faith and bring astounding results.
13. Be amazed at the works of God from the words of the ones you agonized for; it is the testimony we all celebrate.
14. When the Lord moves, those who are assigned against you will not have an answer.
15. Consider your frailty when you fight God, consider your frame when you incite God; consider the folly of your pride when you pretend God.
16. Fight the word of God you will diminish, it will multiply; try to kill the works of God, you will die, it lives.

PRAYER POINTS

- I rejoice that my Lord is seated in the highest place; far above all principalities and powers and their human cohorts; hallelujah. Amen.
- Vindicate me Lord with extraordinary success, in the name of Jesus. Overturn every plot against me. Amen.
- My situation is not hidden from You Lord; You will deliver me. Amen.
- My Father my God, use me to confuse and confound Your enemies; perfect everything concerning me. Amen.
- Thank You Jesus that it is settled; I know You hear me and that settles it for me. Amen. Amen.

ONWARD Christian soldiers marching as to war,

With the cross of Jesus going on before; Separated by the Spirit, bringing light to all,

And he who said, "I see," shown blind and bound to fall.

Love the law of Moses, but it justifies no one.

By Him who God has raised up, forgiveness of sin has come.

Onward beyond the envy of the once receptive Jews;

Onward to Iconium, filled with joy and the good news.

ACTS 13

¹Now there were in the church at Antioch certain teachers and prophets: as Barnabas, and Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the ruler, and Saul.

²And as they fasted and prayed and ministered to the Lord, the Holy Ghost said,

"Separate Me Barnabas and Saul for the work I have called them to; onward they must go."

³And when they had fasted and prayed that day, they laid hands on them and sent them away.

⁴Having being sent forth by the Holy Spirit, they departed onward to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

⁵And they stopped at Salamis there they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; they also had John as their assistant.

⁶And when they had passed through the island and had come to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer there, a false prophet, a Jew named Barjesus, and also a deputy of the country to which they came.

⁷The deputy's name was Sergius Paulus, and he was a prudent man.

He called for Barnabas and Saul and desired to hear the word of God.

⁸But Elymas the sorcerer, for so was the interpretation of his name, withstood them, seeking to turn the deputy from the faith.

⁹Then Saul, who is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, set his eyes on him, for he knew that onward the word must go,

¹⁰said, "O, full of subtlety and mischief, child of the devil; you enemy of all righteousness, will you pervert the right ways of the Lord?"

¹¹Now, behold, the hand of the Lord is on you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a season."

And a mist and darkness fell on his eyes, and he went about seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

The light of truth came to him but left him blind and confused.

¹²And the deputy believed, when he saw what was done, being astonished at the Lord's doctrine.

¹³And Paul and his company left that land, loosing from Paphos.

With the truth they marched on and to Perga in Pamphylia they came.

And John departed from them and returned to Jerusalem in those days.

¹⁴When they had departed from Perga, they marched onwards to Pisidian Antioch.

They went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and there they sat down.

¹⁵And after the reading of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "You men and brethren, if you have any word of exhortation, speak now!"

¹⁶Then Paul stood up and beckoning with his hand, said, "Men of Israel, you who fear God, give audience.

¹⁷The God of this people Israel chose our fathers of old and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in Egypt, as you know, and with a high arm, He brought them out of

it.

¹⁸About the space of forty years, he was patient with their poor manners in the wilderness.

¹⁹“And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He divided it to them by lot,

²⁰and He gave them judges thereafter for about four hundred and fifty years, until Sam- uel the prophet.

²¹And afterwards they desired a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, and he ruled for forty years.

²²And when He had removed him, He raised up David to be king

to whom He attested, ‘I have found David, the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart; he will do My will.’

²³“According to His promise, God has raised up a Saviour to Israel of this man’s seed, Je- sus.

²⁴When John had preached before His com- ing, the baptism of repentance to all the peo- ple Israel, and as John fulfilled his course, he asked,

²⁵“Who do you think that I am? I am not He, but there comes One after me whose shoe buckle I am not worthy to loose.’

²⁶Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, whoever among you fears God, to you is sent the word of salvation.

²⁷“For those who dwell at Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor yet the words of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath day there, have fulfilled them by condemning Him;

²⁸and though they did not find in Him any cause of death, yet they desired Pilate that He be killed.

²⁹And when they had fulfilled all that was written of Him,

they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a sepulchre.

³⁰But God raised Him from the dead.

³¹He was seen many days by those who came with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, and they are His witnesses to the people.

³²“We declare this glad tidings to you, how the promise He made to the fathers,

³³God had fulfilled to us His children, in that He raised Jesus again.

As it is written in the second psalm, ‘You are My Son; this day I have begotten You.’

³⁴And as He raised Him from the dead to re- turn to corruption no more,

He said in this manner, ‘I will give You the sure mercies of David.’

³⁵He said also in another psalm, ‘You will not suffer Your Holy One to see corruption.’

³⁶But David fell asleep, after he served his generation by the will of God.

He was buried with his fathers and he saw corruption,

³⁷but He whom God raised again saw no cor- ruption.

³⁸Know this men and brethren, that through this Man is preached the forgiveness of sins, ³⁹and by Him all who believe are justified from all things

from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

⁴⁰Beware, therefore, lest what the prophets spoke of comes upon you.

⁴¹Behold, you despisers, and wonder and per- ish, for I work, a work in your days. A work that you will not believe, even though a man declare it to you.”

⁴²And when the Jews had left the synagogue, the Gentiles desired that to them the words might be preached the next Sabbath.

⁴³Now when the congregation had gone, many of the Jews followed Paul and Barnabas along with religious proselytes, and speaking to them, they persuaded them all to continue in God’s grace.

⁴⁴And on the next Sabbath, almost the whole city came to hear the word of God.

⁴⁵And when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy and spoke against those things that Paul had spoken, contradicting and blaspheming and refuting the things Paul had said.

⁴⁶Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, “It is necessary that God’s word should be first spoken to you,

but since you put it from you, and judge your- selves unworthy of everlasting life, *we march onwards with the truth*, we turn to the Gentiles.

⁴⁷For so has the Lord commanded, saying, ‘I have sent you to be a light to the Gentiles, that you may minister salvation, onwards to the ends of the earth.’”

⁴⁸And the Gentiles were glad to hear what he said and glorified the word of God, and all who were ordained to eternal life believed.

⁴⁹And the word went onward; it was pro- claimed in all regions throughout.

⁵⁰But the Jews stirred up devout and honor- able women and the chief men of the city and raised persecution against Paul and Barn- abas, and expelled them from their coasts.

⁵¹But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and went onward with God’s word.

Yes, they marched onward and came to Ico- nium with the word of truth.

⁵²And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *When your life seems at a standstill, you are being graced with time to pray; when you pray heav- en stands still and gives divine breakthrough and clarity of direction.*
2. *Seek the Lord in committed prayer and fasting and the Lord will seek you out for His assignment.*
3. *The laying on of hands is not laying on of burdens*

but release into the freedom of the call and the impartation of gifts and empowerment for it.

4. *If you use your vision to block the sight of others your manifest blindness will bridge their faith.*
5. *Present Christ through the natural things that proclaim Him; they can relate to their history and heroes so relate them to Jesus.*
6. *It is impossible to accept the prophets without embracing the Christ they presented and represented.*
7. *Innocence does not translate to absolution on earth, but it is justification in heaven before God and His vindication of you before man.*
8. *They will give you hell on earth and kill you with no earthly reasons, but it is because the devil cannot reason with your anointing.*
9. *God raises your purpose above death when He raises the dead to fulfil your purpose.*
10. *The prophets speak of the word and are dead; the Word speaks and He cannot be corrupted.*
11. *Not because your witness is unquestionable, means it will be believed; commit to ensure your witness is spoken and recorded in time even if it is refuted.*
12. *You have no control over how your witness is received but it is not your witness unless it is revealed; you must speak it.*
13. *They refuse to fight the envy and conceit they carry so they fight you and the good news you carry that fights for them.*
14. *When contradiction has no conviction or justification but covetousness, then it is self-condemnation.*
15. *They may shut down your ministry but cannot shut down the move of the Holy Spirit and His ministry of joy in your heart. When your ministry is His ministry they can shut you in but they cannot shut you up or shut it down.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Power to pray and fast until heaven moves, be upon the church and upon believers today, in the name of Jesus.
- Holy Spirit, let the wisdom to stir up the anointing in prayer, rest in the spirits of ministers. Amen.
- Power of the living God, let every gift transferred by the laying on of hands be stirred up in this moment. Amen.
- Most powerful God, let every person deliberately blocking the faith of others, receive angelic fire now; elevate them to humility. Amen.
- Power to teach and to witness effectively, be the portion of believers today. Amen.

COMMIT to men the things of God complete with signs and wonders done, But do not commit yourselves to man, they will change just like the wind. When they pick you up and dash you down and pelt your bodies with missiles and stones, Hard to die, they will see you live, For the word of God must go onward still. Battered and bruised and left for dead You will bounce right back, and go on, right on ahead.

ACTS 14

¹In Iconium, they went together into the synagogue of the Jews,

and a great multitude, both of Jews and Greeks, believed the word they spoke. ²But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and perverted their minds against the brethren;

³but they spoke the word of the Lord boldly there, abiding there for a long time. And the Lord gave testimony to the word of His grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

⁴But the multitude of the city was divided; part held with the Jews and part with the apostles.

⁵And when both the Gentiles and the Jews with the rulers made an assault to use them despitefully and to stone them,

⁶they were aware of it and fled to Lystra; and they went to Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the region that is all around near them, ⁷and preached the gospel to them.

⁸And there was a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet; he was crippled from his mother's womb, and therefore he never walked.

⁹He heard Paul speak, and when Paul observed him, he perceived that he had faith to be healed.

¹⁰He said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet."

The man leaped up and walked.

¹¹And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices as one, saying in the speech of Lycaonia,

"The gods are come down to us in the likeness of man."

¹²And they called Barnabas, "Jupiter" and called Paul, "Mercurius," because he was the main speaker.

¹³Then the priest of Jupiter, who was before the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates

and would have done sacrifice with the people.

¹⁴But they ripped their clothes at this grievous mistake, and they ran in among the people, crying out,

¹⁵saying, "Sirs, why do you do these things you do?"

We also are men of subjective flesh with you and we speak to you that you should turn away from these vanities to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea and the land and all things in them,

¹⁶and who in times past allowed all nations to walk in their own ways.

¹⁷Nevertheless, He did not leave Himself without a witness,

in that He did good, and from heaven He gave rain and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

¹⁸And so with these things that he said Paul only scarcely managed to restrain the people that they did not sacrifice to them as

gods.

19And from Antioch and Iconium certain Jews came and persuaded the people, who were only just restrained, and they stoned Paul and drew him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.

20But as the disciples stood all around him, he rose up and into the city he came again. Then he and Barnabas departed into Derbe the next day. And they preached the gospel in that city right away.

*@Pick me up and toss me down;
Cast upon me your stones;*

*I shall not die, I will live and declare
the works of the Lord, amen.*

21And when they had taught many, they returned to Lystra again and to Iconium and Antioch, no, no running away.

22They confirmed the souls of the disciples and exhorted them to continue in the faith, and that through much tribulation they should enter the kingdom of God.

23And when they had ordained elders in every church and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord on whom they believed and were assured.

24And they passed through Pisidia after then, and into Pamphylia they came.

25And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia,

26and from there sailed to Antioch.

It was at Antioch that they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they fulfilled.

27And when they had come and gathered the church, they rehearsed to them all that God did with them,

how He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles

28and they resided there with the disciples for a long time.

CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. Not because your works are good means your reception will be great and hospitable; not because the miracles are pronounced and undeniable means the people will not denounce you.*
- 2. If the only reason they stone you is because they are unable to find a reason to stone you, they will still be unreasonable and stone you; demonic agitation has no reasoning.*
- 3. Your good word and good work may advocate for and defend them, but it may not defend you from them.*
- 4. Your faith to be healed attracts healing to you faster than the length of your wait to be healed.*
- 5. If your faith to be healed attracts the attention of the man of God, how much more the attention, admiration and action of God?*
- 6. Men will take the glory that belongs to God and retrofit their gods with it; refuse to allow them to use you and your works in their rituals.*
- 7. Humility will keep you focused on your mission, when your mission and the people you minister to have shifted focus from God to you.*
- 8. When ministry exalts you above God, run to that place of humility, rush to His grace and lower*

your wings, so that the focus may be on God only.

- 9. Every focus on you is the perfect opportunity to switch the focus to Christ; every miracle you perform or stardom you attain is a platform to preach the good news.*
- 10. Never swallow praise or you may vomit up stones; the same persons who lavish you with offering and adulation are the same to shower you with abuse, denunciation and stones.*
- 11. Ministry may be rough but rewarding; the price of blood bears the fruit of souls.*
- 12. If you are already dead to the flesh, stones to flesh cannot kill you again, or break your spirit or ministry.*
- 13. It is futile to stone a dead man; if he wakes up on this side of glory, he takes glory on to resume his work, if he wakes up on the other side he lives glory.*
- 14. It is not finished until it is over; you may be down but never out, damaged but never done.*
- 15. Turn your test into testimonies to strengthen the brethren; your vibrant passion after your vigorous storms and death's valley tells everyone victory is not an experience, it is a lifestyle.*
- 16. Solid ministers and strong ministries value covering; someone to report to and a place to rest and be rejuvenated.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father forgive everyone who hardens their heart to the obvious truth of the gospel; have mercy on them and remove the demonic veil of darkness. Amen.
- Truth that breaks chains and sets free, liberate every soul who is in the manipulative grip of the devil; in the name of Jesus.
- Loving Father, heal the wounds of ministers, especially those received in the house of their friends. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I stir up the faith to be healed in the heart of every sick person believing for their miracle; let heaven ignite on their behalf. Amen.
- I send fire into every gathering using the glory that belongs to God to celebrate demons, in the name of Jesus.

HE knew what He was doing
**Since the very world began,
 When He gave circumcision to the Jews
 and designed the Gentiles' salvation.
 Why burden men with tradition?
 Why put a yoke around their necks,
 to whom God has given the Holy Spirit
 and purified their hearts by faith?
 Why do you tempt the Lord God?
 And brethren, why contend? Why this
 mood?
 He knew the good work He was doing
 or rather, He works all things out for good.
 Separate now, but know He is still in control
 of you.**

ACTS 15

1And certain men who came down from Judea taught the brethren, and said, "Except you are circumcised after Moses' manner, you cannot be saved."

2When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul, Barnabas and certain others should go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question.

3And being brought on their way, by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles there; and this caused great joy to all the brethren.

4And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church, and by the apostles and elders; and they declared all things God had done.

5And there rose up certain who believed of the sect of the Pharisees who said that it was necessary to circumcise these and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

6Together the apostles and elders came to contemplate this matter.

7And when there had been much disputing about it, Peter stood up and said, "Men and brethren, you know how a good while ago God made a choice among us that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the gospel and believe.

8God, who knows the hearts, bears them witness, giving them the Holy Spirit as He did to us before,

9putting no difference between us both, purifying their hearts by faith.

10Now therefore, why do you tempt God in this manner, putting a yoke on the disciples' necks which neither us nor our fathers were able to bear?

11"But we believe that through the Lord Jesus Christ, by grace, we shall be saved even as they."

12And all the multitude kept silence then, and listened intently to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what wonders and miracles God had worked among the Gentiles by them.

13And after they had finished, James answered, saying,

"Men and brethren, listen to me a while.

14Simon had declared to us how God at first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name.

15"And to this the words of the prophets agree, as it is written,

16After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David that is fallen down, and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up at that time

17that all mankind might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, on whom My name is called," says the Lord who does all these things.

18God has known all His works from the beginning of the world.

19"Therefore my sentence is that we do not trouble those who from among the Gentiles are turned to God,

20but that we write to them that they abstain from the pollutions of idols and from fornication and things strangled, and also from blood.

21For Moses, from the days of old, has in every city those who preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day."

22Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send with Paul and Barnabas to Antioch, chosen men of their own congregation;

namely, Judas surnamed Barsabbas and Silas; all chief men among the brethren.

23And they wrote letters by them after this manner,

"The apostles, elders and the brethren send greetings to the brethren of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia.

24Forasmuch as we have heard that some of us have troubled you, with words; subverting your souls, saying, 'You must be circumcised and keep the law,' to whom we gave no such commandment.

25"Therefore being assembled here united, it seemed good to us to send chosen men now to you with our beloved Paul and Barnabas,

26men who have hazarded their lives for the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

27We have sent Judas and Silas therefore, who will also tell you the same things by mouth;

28for it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and also to us to lay no greater burden on you than these necessary things:

29that you abstain from meat offered to idols, from blood and from things strangled, and from fornication.

If you keep yourself from these, you shall do well; now fare well."

30So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch;

and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle to them.

31When the people had read it they rejoiced for the consolation.

32And Judas and Silas being prophets themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, confirming them.

33After they had remained a while, they were released to return in peace from the brethren to the apostles in Judea.

34However it pleased Silas to remain.

35And Paul and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others.

36And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go again to visit our brethren in every city we have preached the word of the Lord, and there see how they are doing."

37But Barnabas determined to take John Mark with them,

³⁸but Paul thought that it was not advisable to take him,

for he departed from them at Pamphylia and did not go with them to the work.

³⁹And their difference of opinion was so intense that they departed from each other.

Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus, ⁴⁰and Paul chose Silas and went on his journey, being recommended by the brethren to God's grace.

⁴¹And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming every church.

They separated from each other but were together in God's work!

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *When you wrap Christ in tradition, you wring and wrest salvation from believers.*
2. *Religion restricts and puts patents on what Jesus Christ has freely given; religion steals all the joy and freedom that salvation generously affords.*
3. *The Holy Spirit precisely answers the question of religion in forums where He Himself cannot be questioned by religion.*
4. *Religion is no easy yoke and therefore not the yoke of Jesus; it is self-imposed.*
5. *Salvation is by grace, freely given by Jesus, yet it is restricted, regulated and withheld by religion.*
6. *They will never hear the voice of the signs and wonders as long as the voice of religion is speaking loudly. Silence religion and signs and wonders will manifest.*
7. *The clarity of the scriptures is blurred by the insularity of religion; hear God and let Him settle your heart.*
8. *Do not answer for God unless you hear God or the Word; He is the answer to every question.*
9. *An unfaithful messenger delivers his own message on the platform of others.*
10. *Where the gospel is bound up in tradition it delivers bondage; where it is unbound from tradition it delivers people and frees the church to minister.*
11. *Where there are differences among you, let it expand you rather than divide you; let it increase your reach rather than incense you and increase your bitterness.*
12. *Division is positive if it divides to multiply and the end result is an expanded work and no residual bitterness.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Marvellous Lord, break the spirit of tradition over every church today; let every self imposed yoke be broken, in the name of Jesus.
- Joy of salvation, break every yoke and burden ministered to believers in the name of religion; we send freedom into every congregation that blocks salvation by self-imposed regulations.
- Holy Spirit, break the backbone of religion and do a work in this day that religion cannot explain or ignore. Amen.
- I soak the church in the blood of Jesus and the fire of the Holy Ghost; let every chain and yoke including religion be broken, in the name of Jesus.
- Father, speak change to the hearts of every religious and proud organization restricting and limiting what You have freely given through Your death. Amen.

**SEND the light, the blessed gospel light
Let it shine, from shore to shore;
Send the light and let its radiant beam
Light, Galatia, Philippi and more.
We have heard the Macedonian call today,
Send the light; send the light!
Lydia needs to hear it; send it despite your chains,
Send the light; send the light!
The woman with the evil spirit needs to be freed
And the keeper of the prison needs to believe.
Sing praises though imprisoned and in agony
Or just sing to someone whose soul has a need.
Send the light, send the light!**

ACTS 16

¹Then he went (*brought the light*) to Derbe and Lystra and there he saw, a certain disciple named Timotheus, the son of a Jewess believer and a Greek.

²He had a good report of the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium;

³Paul wanted him to travel with him to spread the light around.

He took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those quarters, and because they knew that his father was a Greek.

⁴So from city to city they went, delivering the decrees to those ordained of the apostles and elders of Jerusalem.

⁵And so the churches in those days were established in faith, and they increased in number daily.

⁶When they had gone through Phrygia, and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia.

⁷After they had come to Mysia, they would have gone to Bithynia, but the Spirit forbade them, so they passed them by and went on;

⁸and they passed by Mysia, and came to Troas.

⁹And there appeared a vision to Paul in the night:

there stood a man of Macedonia who implored him to come there, saying, "Come over to Macedonia, come and help us here!"

Send the light, send the light!

¹⁰And after he had seen the vision, we immediately endeavoured to go into Macedonia knowing that this is what the Lord was leading us to do, that the Lord had surely called us, to preach the gospel there.

¹¹Therefore for Troas we set sail, and went with a straight course unto Samothrace, and unto Neapolis the next day.

¹²From there we sailed to Phillipi, the chief city of that part of Macedonia; and it was also a

colony.

And we were in that city abiding for certain days.

¹³Then on the Sabbath we went out of the city to the riverside where prayer was to be made, and we sat down and spoke to the women who resorted to that place.

¹⁴And a certain woman named Lydia, who sold purple, who was of the city of Thyatira and who worshipped God, heard our voice; the Lord opened her heart, and she gave high regard to all the things Paul has spoken; *the light had dawned inside!*

¹⁵And she and her household were then baptized.

And she desired of us, saying, "If you judge me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay a while." And she constrained us.

¹⁶And it so happened, as we went to pray, a certain woman met us who was possessed with a spirit of divination, and by her soothsaying she brought her masters much gain.

¹⁷She followed Paul and us and cried out, saying:

"These men are servants of the most high God who show to us the way of salvation!"

¹⁸She did this for many days.

But Paul, being grieved by this woman, turned and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you, come out of her!" And he came out the same hour.

¹⁹And her masters saw the change in this woman that Jesus (the light) had made.

When they saw their hope of gain was gone,

²⁰they caught Paul and Silas and drew them into the market place to the rulers and magistrates,

saying, "These men, being Jews, trouble our city exceedingly,

²¹and teach customs which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans."

²²And the multitude rose against them.

And the magistrates then tore their clothes, and commanded to beat them.

²³And when they had beat them with many stripes, they cast them into prison, and charged the jailer and said, "Keep them safely!"

²⁴And when he received the charge, he thrust them into the inner prison, and in the stocks secured their feet.

²⁵And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God aloud, and the prisoners heard them.

²⁶And suddenly there was a great earthquake, which shook the prison's foundations, and immediately, all the doors were opened. *Praises brought them opened doors* and loosed every prisoner's bands.

²⁷And the keeper of the prison, waking up from sleep, saw the prison doors open, and

would have killed himself immediately supposing that the prisoners had all fled away.

²⁸But Paul cried with a loud voice, and said, "Do not harm yourself this day, for we are all here."

²⁹And he called for a light and sprang in, and came to them trembling, and he fell down at the feet of Paul and Silas, *for the light he had clearly seen.*

³⁰And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹And they said, "You must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you and all your household shall be saved."

³²And they spoke the Lord's word to him, and to all his house.

³³And he took them that same hour of night and washed their stripes; and he and his house was immediately baptized.

³⁴And when he brought them into his house, he set a meal before them to eat, and he rejoiced believing in God, and all his house too believed.

³⁵And the magistrates sent the sergeants to release them when it was day, saying, "Let those men go!"

³⁶And the keeper of the prison told this to Paul,

saying, "The magistrates have sent the sergeants to let you go; now go in peace."

³⁷Paul said, "We are uncondemned Romans, yet they beat us openly and have cast us into prison; now do they seek to thrust us out privately?

No, but let them come themselves and fetch us out publicly."

³⁸And the sergeants told his words to the magistrates.

And they feared when they heard that they were Roman citizens.

³⁹They came and sought forgiveness of them, and brought them out of the city, and they begged them to leave the city.

⁴⁰And they went out from the prison, and entered into Lydia's house; and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them and left.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *It may not matter to you or to your relationship with God, but it is a matter of heart if it matters to them; they may ignore your message if you ignore what matters to them.*
2. *You may not be able to reach them until you respond to them; you may not be able to please yourself and plead your Christ. It may hurt temporality, but do it if it helps them to heal.*
3. *You may miss opportunities to see the church on fire and growing if you are not flexible with your approach.*
4. *The Lord orders your every move but particularly your next move; stop, lay it at His feet, seek Him.*
5. *God will place peoples and communities in your heart; if He owns your heart you will respond heartily even if it is challenging.*

6. *If it is good for you, it is good for your household; if it is the only option for you, you have no option but to bring your household to the truth and to hear the word.*
7. *If they are in it for the money they lose it when the money source dries up.*
8. *You may bind the messenger but the message has an independent life; it continues freely in freedom still bringing freedom.*
9. *They may be saying the right things, but for the wrong reasons with the wrong spirit; silence them.*
10. *The spirit of the world keeps you bound if they can profit from you; they will persecute anyone who dares to set you free.*
11. *One of the most strident opposition to the gospel is the spirit of mammon; the world trades bondage, sin and death for money.*
12. *Be willing and ready to take stripes for the release of others and to be bound for the freedom of your world.*
13. *Your situation is as dismal as your understanding of God and your power to praise; put your situation in context with God and contest it with praise.*
14. *The jail cannot hold you if it cannot hold your prayer; bondage cannot bind you if it cannot bind your praise.*
15. *Your presence in their prison shakes foundations and brings freedom to everyone.*
16. *The world and all its gatekeepers have no power to keep the gospel bound, but the gospel has the power to set the world free.*
17. *Every prison you face is a platform for ministry; there are prisoners and jailers with their households that need to be saved.*
18. *If Rome knows how to take care of its citizens how much more heaven the kingdom of God; every satanic agent fears the citizenship of Christ that you bear.*
19. *Kingdom citizens must understand their rights and privileges in the earth and use it to argument their case where necessary.*

PRAYER POINTS

- In the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, I speak sensitivity into the hearts of Christians to the mission field, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father, my God, help me to put You first in everything; I refuse to contaminate the gospel with my emotions or dogma. Amen.
- Wisdom to adjust for maximum impact, envelop believers today in the name of Jesus.
- Jesus, I acknowledge You for my next move, tell me what to do and how to go about it; direct my way I pray. Amen.
- Jesus my Lord, place what is in Your heart for those around me in my heart; I will pray, I will go; I will not be restrained. Amen.

WE know just Who we worship; My question is, do you?

Do you question our worship, and worship what you do not know?

Do you seek after every spirit:

Fortune-tellers, witchcraft and the demonic?

Certainly you entertain death with these habits.

Yet you seek to add the Lord to these,

A God alienated by the things that you do.

Agreed? Yes, in your heart there is an altar, but to a God unknown to you.

ACTS 17

¹Now when they passed through Amphipolis and through Apolonia also, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.

²And as Paul's custom was, he went in to them there and reasoned with them three Sabbath days.

He opened the Scriptures and shared, ³alleging that, "It was necessary for Christ, firstly to suffer, and then to rise from the dead.

This Jesus whom I preach to you, He is the Christ Himself."

⁴And some of them believed and consorted with Paul and Silas:

a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and a good number of the chief women.

⁵But the unbelieving Jews were moved with envy and took unto them certain men who were lewd, of the vulgar sort, a great company, and they set all the city in an uproar.

And they assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

⁶But when they did not find them, they went and drew Jason and certain brethren to the rulers of the city, and cried,

"These that turn the world upside down are also come down here,

⁷whom Jason here has received; and they all do contrary to Caesar's decrees, asserting that Jesus is yet another king."

⁸And this troubled the people and the rulers of the city when they heard these allegations.

⁹And when they had taken security of Jason and of the others, they let them go.

¹⁰And the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away to Berea by night.

They went into the synagogue of the Jews when they arrived and testified of Jesus.

¹¹These people were more noble than those left in Thessalonica.

They received the word with readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily, to find whether those things they spoke were so.

¹²Many of them believed therefore, including honorable women who were Greeks, and also a good number of men.

¹³But when the Jews of Thessalonica learnt that God's word was preached by Paul at Berea, they came and stirred up the people there also.

¹⁴Then the brethren immediately sent Paul away to go as it were by sea,

but there Silas and Timotheus remained.

¹⁵And those who conducted Paul brought him to Athens.

He gave them a commandment to Silas and Timothy to come speedily to him and so they immediately departed.

¹⁶Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.
¹⁷Thus he disputed in the synagogue with the Jews and with devout persons, and also with those who met there daily in the market place.
¹⁸Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans came to him; others of the Stoicks too encountered him, some saying, "What will this babblers say?" And others said, "He seems to be setting forth a strange god," because he preached Jesus and the resurrection to them.
¹⁹And they took him and brought him to Areopagus and said, "May we know what the new doctrine that you are speaking of is?"
²⁰For you bring certain strange things to our ears. We would like to know what these things mean that we hear."
²¹For all the Athenians and strangers who were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to hear some new thing or to tell it.
²²And Paul stood up in the midst of Mars hill and said, "You men of Athens, I perceive you are too superstitious in all things,
²³for I passed by and beheld your devotions and I found an altar transcribed and it read: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.
 This God whom you ignorantly worship, I declare Him now to you in your midst.
²⁴God who made the world and all things in it, seeing that He is the Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands,
²⁵neither is He worshipped with men's hands, as if He needed anything.
²⁶He gives to everyone life and breath. He has made all nations of men of one blood to dwell upon all the face of the earth, and has determined the times before appointed and the bounds of their habitation,
²⁷that they may seek the Lord God, if it is possible that He may be sought after and found by man, though He is not far from each and all of us.
²⁸For in Him we live and move and have our existence, as certain also of your own poets have said; for we are also His offspring.
²⁹Therefore then, as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like gold or silver and artwork of man's device graven in stone.
³⁰In the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commands every man everywhere to repent,
³¹because He has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness, by that Man whom He has ordained. And He has given assurance to all men in that He has raised Him from the dead."

³²And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead some of them mocked but others said, "We will hear of this matter again."
³³So Paul departed from among them.
³⁴However certain men remained with them and believed the words he said; Dionysius the Areopagite was among these, also a woman called Damaris by name, and others with them that day.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Only the truth that is set free, can set free; release the truth, explain it, expound it, contend for it.*
2. *For some people opportunity knocks; for others opportunity comes by knocking; it is created.*
3. *Reason with everyone who will listen; illustrate and demonstrate the gospel; some will associate, some will appreciate, some will accept and some will believe.*
4. *Your best reasoning will create animosity instead of acceptance from those in the bondage and bars of religion. You can reason with sinners but you cannot reason with religion.*
5. *It is good to turn your world upside down for Jesus; it has been wrong-sided by the devil.*
6. *Manipulation brings authority, and the masses into the mix, and uses them to fight personal battles.*
7. *If you answer a matter before hearing it, it is to your shame; when you research the matter and search the scriptures seeking the Lord, it is to your glory and wisdom.*
8. *To dismiss Jesus and eternity without hearing the full case in the scriptures and in His works is an eternal folly. Read the word of God, the Bible, before rejecting the Word, Jesus.*
9. *Silent about their faith, yet evangelists for animosity and vindictiveness; see them every day; they spare no time to share the good news of their belief but they spare no cost and distance to destroy yours.*
10. *Religion will do nothing to present the truth, but will do everything to defend a lie.*
11. *Live at the place where your spirit is so stirred up by evil and satanic activity that it propels you to passionate response.*
12. *Passivity is naivety; the sin you leave alone without doing anything about, accepts no bargain to leave you, your family and your household alone.*
13. *Use your present platform to present Christ.*
14. *Confusion is not the reason for exclusion but an opportunity for illumination and illustration of Christ.*
15. *There is no problem with who they are seeking; there is a problem with how they are seeking.*
16. *There is no problem with His reception of you, there is a problem with your perception of Him; He is not far off; you are His offspring.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Loving Savior, let me be faithful to my salvation; I refuse to be numbered among the many who have the good news but refuse to share it. Amen.
- Thank You Jesus for the opportunities You are bringing to me, I will grasp them; and for the opportunities You are impressing on me; I will go get them. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, place in the hearts of believers an audacious contention for the gospel. Amen.

- Merciful Father, break the back of religion, holding people captive to misleading traditions and beliefs, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Father God, I call forth world changers from within the nations; place the spirit of world impact for Christ into the hearts of people of all ages and lead them to fulfillment. Amen.

THERE is a pressing in the spirit,
**A burden deep as passion grows,
 overwhelmingly intense, un-containable;
 I am compelled to make Christ known.
 When you are pressed within your spirit,
 The Lord will direct the fight;
 Search for the skilled and zesty Apollos.
 It pays to instruct them in the right.**

ACTS 18

¹After these things Paul departed from Athens and he came to Corinth.

²There he found a certain Jew named Aquila who was born in Pontus, but came recently from Italy with his wife Priscilla.

He came down because Claudius had commanded the Jews to depart from Rome.

³Paul came to them, and because he was of the same craft, he lodged with them in their house.

And there he worked with his hands, for their occupation was tent makers also.

⁴And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and Greeks.

⁵And when Silas and Timothy had arrived from Macedonia,

Paul had a pressing in his spirit, and he testified to Jews that Jesus was Christ.

⁶And when they blasphemed and opposed themselves,

he shook his garment and said to them,

“From this moment, I go to the Gentiles. I am clean; your blood be upon your own heads.”

⁷And he departed from there and entered then into a certain man’s house whose name was Justus, one who was a worshipper of God, and whose house was next door to the synagogue.

⁸And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, with all his house believed on the Lord, and many of the Corinthians who heard believed and were baptized.

⁹Then the Lord spoke to Paul in a night vision, saying, “**Do not be afraid, neither shall you remain silent;**

¹⁰for I am with you and none shall hurt you, for I have much people in this city.”

¹¹And he continued there a year and six months among them, teaching the word of God.

¹²And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made insurrection against Paul with one accord;

and they brought him to the judgment seat,

¹³accusing him, saying, “This fellow persuades men to worship God contrary to the dictates of

the law.”

¹⁴But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio responded and he spoke to the Jews, saying,

“If it was a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, then I would have reason to bear with you,

¹⁵but if it is a question of words and of names and also of your law, you attend to the same, for I will be no judge of such matters.”

¹⁶And he drove them away from the judgment seat.

¹⁷Then the Greeks took Sosthenes who was the chief ruler of the synagogue, and they beat him before the judgment seat, and Gallio cared for none of these things.

¹⁸And Paul remained there after this for a good while.

Then he departed from the brethren and sailed into Syria.

With him were Priscilla and Aquila.

Paul had shorn his head in Cenchrea because of a vow he made.

¹⁹And he came to Ephesus and there he left them, but he entered into the synagogue himself.

And he reasoned with the Jews.

²⁰And they desired that he would stay longer, but he refused,

²¹and told them goodbye,

saying, “I must go by all means, to keep the feast of the Jews in Jerusalem.

But I will return again to you if God is willing.”

And he sailed from Ephesus.

²²When he had landed at Caesarea and had gone up and greeted the church, he went to Antioch.

²³And after he had spent some time there he departed,

and over all the country of Galatia he went, and also of Phrygia in order,

and he strengthened all the disciples.

²⁴And there was a Jew, Apollos by name, born in Alexandria, and who spoke eloquently. He was mighty in the Scriptures and he came to Ephesus.

²⁵This man was instructed in the way of the Lord,

and having a fervent pressing in the spirit, he taught the things of the Lord diligently, but he only knew the baptism of John.

²⁶And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue.

When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him to them and expounded to him the way of God more perfectly.

²⁷And when he was determined to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote exhorting that the disciples would receive him.

And when he came to them he helped everyone greatly, who had believed on Jesus through grace;

²⁸for he mightily convinced the Jews, showing publicly using the scriptures, that Jesus was

Christ.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Tell it to those who will receive the gospel and to those who will resist it: if it cannot testify to them it will testify against them*
2. *The Spirit will compel you to preach, but religion will repel you and try to prevent you from succeeding.*
3. *Success is measured in obedience; it is in your tenderness to the Holy Spirit.*
4. *Their resistance is not reason enough for your withdrawal; keep reaching, keep sowing; you may never know which seed will break through at the level that will break down their resistance. (The Jews resisted but the ruler of the synagogue of the Jews in Corinth was saved.)*
5. *Where they cannot use arguments to justify their case for religion, they will use numbers to get the state involved, but wisdom will refuse them.*
6. *Their reception should not detain you longer than your mission compels you; follow the Spirit and not the people or the encore.*
7. *The apostolic presence presents a picture of purpose, accomplishment, authority and anointing, that strengthens the foundation and builds the faith of believers.*
8. *Availability, enthusiasm and zeal are the fingerprints of great ministers; training is the final ingredient for extraordinary success; identify them and train them.*
9. *You may have potential but your platforms are created by the people you connect with; submit to believers; connections and commendations create opportunities.*
10. *Your net worth to the kingdom may be immeasurable, but your net impact is as strong as your networks.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Lord of the harvest, give me a faithful heart to sow the truth of your word; to You belong the increase. Amen.
- Every person and system standing against the propagation of the gospel, I command you to give way, in the name of Jesus.
- Holy Spirit, I will be obedient to You; give me exponential success in my personal witness, in the name of Jesus.
- I place the spirit of resilience into the hearts of believers; let them refuse to be turned off from sharing their faith, in the name of Jesus.
- Most High God, help believers never to be comfortable at any place in their Christian walk without completion and absolute fulfillment. Amen.

GIVE up, give all, and come to Christ;
Cannot eat the cake and have the slice!
Give up evil investments despite the price and receive the gift of God.
Give up that trade; oh, why fight stubbornly?
What is greater: wealth or to see men free?
You sons of Sceva soon will see,
Devils will not give up if they do not recognize your anointing.
You must give up, give all, then give command.

ACTS 19

¹While Apollos was at Corinth, passing through the upper coast, he came down to Ephesus, and found certain disciples there.

²And he said to them, "Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?" And they said, "We have not so much as heard if there is a Holy Spirit."

³And he spoke again to them, saying, "Unto what baptism were you baptized?" "Unto John's baptism," they replied.

⁴And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying to them that they should believe on Him who should come after him; that is Jesus Christ."

⁵And when they heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

⁶And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they prophesied and spoke with new tongues.

⁷They were about twelve men.

⁸And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly to them for about three months, disputing and persuading them of the things concerning God's kingdom.

⁹But some were hardened who did not believe. These spoke evil of the Way before the multitude.

So from them he departed.

And he separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

¹⁰And he continued there two years, so that all those who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus; both the Jews and Greeks who resided there.

¹¹And God performed special miracles by the hands of Paul,

¹²so that from his body handkerchiefs and cloths were brought to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

¹³Then certain of the vagabond Jews who were exorcists, took upon themselves to cast out evil spirits in the name of Jesus also, saying, "By Jesus whom Paul preaches we adjure you."

¹⁴And these men were seven sons of one named Sceva. Sceva was chief of the priests and a Jew.

¹⁵And the evil spirits answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but who are you?"

¹⁶And the man in whom the evil spirits was leaped on them, and they were overcome, and he prevailed against them so they fled the house naked and wounded.

¹⁷And to all the Jews and Greeks at Ephesus this was known, and fear fell on them all. And the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

¹⁸And many who believed came and confessed, showing all their deeds that they had done.

¹⁹Many of them who used curious arts brought their books together and burned them before everyone.

They counted the price and found it was worth fifty thousand pieces of silver, a great amount.

Trading their trade for the Lord who was valued more.

²⁰So the word of God grew mightily and prevailed.

²¹After these things Paul purposed in his spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia in his way, that from there he would go on to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there I must also see Rome."

²²So he sent two of the men who ministered to him into Macedonia, Erastus and Timothy; but he himself stayed in Asia for a season.

²³At that time there arose a great commotion about the gospel,

²⁴for a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith who made silver shrines for Diana their goddess and which was very profitable for the craftsmen,

²⁵called the workmen of similar trade together, and said, "Sirs, you know that by this craft we have our wealth,

²⁶but you have seen and heard, that not in Ephesus only but through all Asia, Paul has persuaded much people and turned them off, saying, 'They are not gods that are made with hands!'

²⁷"So that not only this craft on which we rely is in danger to be made as nothing, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana would be despised, and that her magnificence be also destroyed, which is worshipped by all Asia and the world."

²⁸And they were full of wrath when they heard, and cried, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!" *Not willing to trade their trade, for the glorious hope.*

²⁹And the whole city was filled with confusion, yes, even more.

And they caught Gaius and Aristarchus, both Macedonians, who were also Paul's travelling companions, and they rushed into the theatre together.

³⁰And when Paul would have entered in to the people, the disciples would not allow him to do so.

³¹And certain of the chief of Asia who were his friends, sent to him, desiring that he would not venture into the theatre himself.

³²But the assembly was confused and they cried different things.

Why they came? The greater part did not

know.

³³And they drew Alexander out of the multitude and the Jews presented him.

And Alexander beckoned with his hands. He was about to make his defence to the people.

³⁴When they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice cried out for about two hours saying, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians."

³⁵And when the people were appeased by the town's clerk,

he said, "You men of Ephesus, what man exists who does not know how the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana,

and of the image which fell down from Jupiter?

³⁶Seeing that no one can speak against these things, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rashly,

³⁷for you have brought these men to this place,

who are neither robbers of churches nor blasphemers of your goddess Diana.

³⁸"Therefore if Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a matter against any, the law is open;

let them bring their complaints for there are deputies.

³⁹But if you inquire anything regarding other matters, it shall be determined in an assembly lawfully;

⁴⁰for we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause we may give regarding this concourse."

⁴¹And he dismissed the assembly after he had spoken these things.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Receiving the Holy Spirit with the evidence of tongues is the expectation of the apostolic faith and the identifiable norm for believers in Christ, not the exception.*
2. *Baptism in water gives you access, baptism in fire makes you possess and take charge.*
3. *Just as salvation in Jesus is given and must be received, the promise of the Father is sent and must be embraced.*
4. *When your argument for Christ becomes a dispute, find hearts that are fertile for life and present Him.*
5. *Not because you are convincing means others will be convicted; yet you must keep witnessing.*
6. *Your sacrifice to serve may be significant, but the sacrifice of your Lord to save you is a sacrifice you cannot repay.*
7. *The truth of the gospel may upset and unsettle lies and cause them to come hurling at you, but the truth cannot lie even if it pains.*
8. *True conversion is willingness to trade your trade and resources for the truth.*
9. *Many will follow the crowd to fight the gospel instead of following their heart to hear the gospel.*
10. *An authentic god needs no attorney to remain relevant; an authentic person needs no confusion to remain confident.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Good Father, place the desire in the heart of every believer to have full benefits of the best gift You have given to man; the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- Father God, empower the church; baptize us all with fire, in the name of Jesus.
- Holy Spirit, blow away traditions and erroneous teaching and fill our churches with fire like You did to the group of unbelievers gathered with Cornelius. Amen.
- My Father my God, I weep for every person who resists You; break their hearts with Your truth. Amen.
- Spirit of discouragement, I drive you away from every heart of workers in the field of souls; I speak life into their seeds sown. Amen.

PAUL preached until midnight, And a young man fell asleep and fell to his death; But Paul removed the bands of death from the young man, For he had more to give; for to give is more blessed. He told of the bonds and affliction he would bear, But said, "I am not moved by these to fear." But as he left they wept and sorrowed, And he was so moved then by their tears.

ACTS 20

¹After the uproar had ceased, Paul called the disciples to him and embraced them, and he departed for Macedonia.

²And when he had gone over those parts, and had exhorted them for some time, he then came into Greece

³and resided there for three months.

And when the Jews laid wait for him as he was about to sail into Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia.

⁴And Sopater of Berea accompanied him into Asia, with Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia with them.

⁵These men went ahead and waited at Troas until we had arrived.

⁶And after the days of unleavened bread, we sailed away from Philippi.

And within five days we arrived to those waiting at Troas, and we remained there for seven days.

⁷And on the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached to them,

ready to leave the following morning; and he continued his speech until midnight.

⁸And there were many lights in the upstairs room where they had come together.

⁹And a young man named Eutycus sat in a window that night.

He had fallen into a deep sleep as Paul was long in preaching.

In his deep sleep he fell down from the third

loft, and was dead when he was retrieved.

¹⁰And Paul went down and fell on him, and embracing him, replied, "Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him."

¹¹And when he had come up again, and had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while until day break,

for he had so much to give, then he departed.

¹²And they brought the young man alive, and they were all greatly comforted.

¹³And we sailed by ship before to Assos, there intending to take Paul on board, for he had appointed us to do so, deciding that he himself would walk, *so he could give so much more*.

¹⁴And when he met with us at Assos, we took him in and came to Mitylene.

¹⁵We left from there by ship and came over against Chios the next day; and we arrived at Samos the day following.

Then the next day we came to Miletus,

¹⁶for Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus because he would spend no time in Asia, for he hastened to Jerusalem, to see if possible he would arrive to be at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost.

¹⁷And he sent to Ephesus from Miletus, and called the elders of the church.

¹⁸And when they came he said to them, "You know from the first day that I came to Asia, my behaviour at all times that I have been with you

¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and the temptations which befell me by the Jews laying in wait.

²⁰And how I kept back nothing profitable to you, but I have shown you and taught you publicly;

teaching from house to house,

²¹testifying to both the Jews and Greeks repentance towards God, and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ.

²²And now, behold, I go bound in the Spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there,

²³except that in every city, the Holy Ghost witnessed, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.

²⁴But none of these things move me, neither do I count my life precious to myself, so that with joy I might finish my course; and also the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify of the gospel of God's grace.

²⁵Now I know that from this day, none of you, among whom I have preached God's kingdom, will see my face again.

²⁶I take you to record this day, therefore, that from the blood of all men I am pure,

²⁷for I have not shunned to declare to you all the counsel of God.

28^cNow therefore, take heed to yourselves, and to all His flock over which the Holy Ghost has made you to oversee, to feed the church of God purchased with His own blood.

29^fFor after my departing I know that grievous wolves will arise among you; and they will not spare the flock.

30^gOf your own company men will arise also, speaking perverse things with their lips to draw away disciples after them.

31^hTherefore watch, and remember I said this! That by the space of three years I did not cease to tell and to warn everyone with tears night and day.

32ⁱNow brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and keep you, and also to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

33^jI have coveted the gold, silver and clothing of no man.

34^kYou yourselves know that my own hands have ministered to all of my needs and to the need of everyone who was with me.

35^lI have showed to you all things, how that by laboring you ought to support the weak and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, **'It is more blessed to give than to receive!'**

It is best to give much more; for it is more blessed to give."

36^mAnd when he had finished speaking, he prayed with them all on his knees; and they accompanied him to his ship.

37ⁿThey fell on Paul's neck and wept and kissed him,

38^osorrowing mostly for all the words he spoke, saying that they would see his face no more, and they followed him to the ship.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Take the express (your passion) away from those you cannot impress; they will repress the gospel and plot to kill you.
2. Passion causes people to press into the word throughout the night beyond the pressing need and preference for sleep.
3. It is dangerous to fall asleep under the anointed word; the devil will not just seek to steal the word, but he will seek to steal or kill you.
4. If you must sit on the ledge take the fire with you, if you are likely to sleep stay safely in the centre of the word.
5. You do not fear the prowling of the devil when you have the power of Christ; whatever the devil comes with you overcome, whatever he curses you reverse.
6. The distraction of the enemy cannot stop the attraction of the gospel; death cannot deter the word of faith being released.
7. The love of the word turns midnight to morning and parting to yearning.
8. The appearance of death does not change the word of life; the word of faith does not need validation it is already settled.
9. You do not need to be working what the word

has already wrought; speak believing it must manifest. (Paul spoke at midnight and continued preaching; they brought the man alive in the morning).

10. The adrenaline of the Holy Spirit twinned with the discipline of the gospel makes you go above and beyond. It is hard to resist a ride after an all night, to walk and do ministry.
11. Never get so caught up in the heat of your mission that you forget the heart of your mission and where it is taking you.
12. Do not spend time on emotional battles when the spirit is leading you to kingdom conquest.
13. They will go all out in trying to get you, causing you tears and pain, but hold nothing back in trying to help them.
14. If your flesh is already dead and you are alive in Christ, you will not hold on to your dearly departed life but you will press on to finish your race with joy.
15. If your life is most dear to you, you will fully release it to the will and ministry of Christ especially where danger is clear to you. Paul held the gospel most dear.
16. It is best to commit your life to the precious people your life can save rather than attempt to save and preserve your precious life.
17. You may not be a murderer by activity, but one by passivity if you fail to declare the word and the counsel of God.
18. Innocent blood is on your hands if you fail to engage the love that will rescue men from certain death.
19. Fight for the flock that was brought by the blood of Jesus, because the blood is precious and must be avenged; watch against witchcraft and wolves.
20. When you receive you're blessed, when you give you are more blessed; for the greater blessing is in the giving.

PRAYER POINTS

- Loving Father, deliver every minister in the field from the evil plans and plots of the enemy, in the name of Jesus.
- Make me a magnet for Your word Lord Jesus. Let Your word be nearer and dearer to me than necessary food and sleep. Amen.
- I rebuke every spirit of drowsiness cast over believers at the reading of the word; let the word energize them. Amen.
- I speak the fire of the living God and the protection of the word over all believers in dangerous situations and places, in the name of Jesus.
- Power to overcome, be the portion and confidence of every believer today, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**I KNOW where I am going, I know;
I know where I am going, I know!
Bondage and stripes await me;
Where He leads me I will go freely.
I know where I am going, I know!
Not only ready to be bound but ready to die;
Wherever He leads me, ready am I.
I know where I am going, I know!**

ACTS 21

¹And it came to pass that after we were able to leave them and had launched at sea,

we came to Cos on a straight course, and the following day we came to Rhodes and from there to Patara we came.

²And finding a ship that sailed to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set out from there.

³And now when we reached Cyprus, we left it on the left and we sailed into Syria and landed at Tyre, for the ship was to be unloaded there.

⁴And finding disciples, we remained seven days.

Through the Spirit, they said to Paul that he should not go up to Jerusalem from there.

⁵After the seven days, we departed and went on our way, and they accompanied us with their wives and children, until we had left the city.

We knelt down on the shore and prayed.

⁶And when we had said goodbye to each other, they returned home and we left by sea.

⁷When we had finished our journey from Tyre, we came and saluted the brethren at Ptolemais, and with them we stayed for one day.

⁸And the next day we who were with Paul's company departed and came to Caesarea to Philip the evangelist, and we entered his house and stayed there with him.

⁹And Phillip had four daughters who were virgins who prophesied.

¹⁰As we stayed with him for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

¹¹When he had come to us, he took Paul's girdle and bound his own hands and feet with it, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews bind its owner at Jerusalem, and into the hands of the Gentiles they shall deliver him.'"

¹²When we all heard these things, both we and those who belonged to that place begged him not to go to Jerusalem.

¹³But Paul responded to us all, saying, "What do you mean, weeping and breaking my heart so?"

I know where I am going, I know; yes, I know!

For I am ready, not just to be bound only, but I am also ready to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!"

¹⁴And when he would not be persuaded, we desisted, saying, "The Lord's will be done!"

¹⁵And we took up our luggage after those days, and to Jerusalem we went.

¹⁶And certain of the disciples of Caesarea went with us and brought with them Mnason of Cyprus.

He was an old disciple with whom we should stay.

¹⁷And when we came to Jerusalem, the brethren gladly received us.

¹⁸The following day Paul went in with us to all the elders there and to James.

¹⁹And when he had greeted them, he declared in particular the things God had done among

the Gentiles by his ministry.

²⁰And when they heard it they glorified God! And they said to him, "Brother, you see how many thousands of Jews there are who believe, and they are all zealous of the law.

²¹And they are informed of you, that among the Gentiles, you teach all the Jews to forsake the law of Moses,

saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs.

²²"What shall you do then? For the angry mob will surely come together, for they will hear that you are now around.

²³Do this that we say to you:

we have four men who have a vow on them;

²⁴take them and purify yourselves with them, and charge them that they may shave their heads also;

and all may know that those things that have been said and they are informed about you are nothing,

but you yourself walk orderly and keep the law.

²⁵"Concerning the Gentiles who believe the Lord,

we have written and concluded that they observe no such commandment,

except to keep themselves from things offered to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication."

²⁶And Paul took the men, and having purified himself with them, the following day he entered into the temple to signify the accomplishment of the days of their purification, until an offering should be offered for each one of them.

²⁷And when the days were almost at an end, he caught the eyes of the Jews of Asia.

When they saw him in the temple they stirred up all the people, and they laid hands on Paul.

²⁸"Men of Israel help!" they cried out loudly; "this is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the people and the law and this place;

and furthermore he has brought Greeks into the temple and has polluted this holy place."

²⁹For they had seen with him in the city Trophimus the Ephesian and had supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple.

³⁰And all the city was moved and the people ran and came together.

And after they had taken Paul and drew him from the temple, immediately the doors were shut behind them.

³¹And as they all began to kill him, the news was told to the chief captain of the band that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

³²So he took soldiers and centurions immediately and ran down to them with haste.

And when they saw the soldiers and the chief captain, they stopped the horrendous beating they were giving Paul.

³³The captain came near and took him from them and commanded that he be bound with

two chains;
and he demanded to know who he was and what he had done.

³⁴They cried different things among the multitude.

And when he could not tell with certainty because of the confusion, he commanded that Paul be carried into the castle.

³⁵When he was taken up the stairs by the soldiers who carried him because the crowd was violent;

³⁶the multitude had followed crying, "Away with him."

³⁷And as Paul was being led into the castle, he said to the chief captain, "May I speak to you?" "Can you speak Greek?" the captain returned.

³⁸"Are you not the Egyptian that before these days made an uproar, and led out into the wilderness four thousand men who were murderers?"

³⁹But Paul said, "I am a man who is a Jew of the city of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city and I now beseech you, allow me to speak to the people!"

⁴⁰And when he had given him permission to do so, Paul stood on the stairs and beckoned to the people with his hand, and there was a great silence.

And he spoke to them in the Hebrew tongue.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The word of knowledge or prophetic information does not translate to prophetic instruction; it requires personal confirmation. (Paul was being dissuaded by prophecy from going to his destiny in Jerusalem).*
2. *Even if you do not love to pray, prayer is the most precious occasion you can share with a loved one and the greatest memorial to retain their memory.*
3. *You may not be able to go with them but the Holy Spirit can; prayer is a connecting bond that can never be broken, even by distance.*
4. *When you are bound by the Spirit, the treasure of the gospel you carry is greater than the threat of physical bondage or death.*
5. *They will break your heart with emotions, but do not let them break your vision; the will of the Lord Jesus is greater.*
6. *Friendly attention to your safety and sacrifice can be, in fact, fiery distraction from the devil; hear God!*
7. *If you are not firmly decided on the word of God, people will try to convert you to their will, if you are not fully persuaded on your mission, people will distract and divert you.*
8. *Good news of what the Lord is doing throughout the body of Christ should cause the church to celebrate, even if the approach of others or their denomination is different.*
9. *Customs are important for national identity but not for kingdom effectiveness; yet it is unwise, distracting and dangerous, to offend the laws of the nation you minister in, in the name of the kingdom you represent.*
10. *Your greatest efforts to please the offended will*

be taken as offensive; focus on the will of God; please Christ.

11. *If you are going to be wanted, let it be in the will of God and for the gospel; He is able to defend you when nothing else will.*
12. *If you have to use violence to defend your religion you are asserting that it is defenseless without you.*
13. *If you have to take a beating for Christ, ensure you are in the heartbeat of Christ.*
14. *It may get rough representing the gospel but it gets right once the gospel gets out.*
15. *Many of those who violently attack you will not even know why they are targeting you, they are following the crowd.*
16. *They hate you because of what they hear of you; do not deny yourself the occasion to let them hear you. Your agitators may be your attentive audience, do not be afraid to share your witness.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Wisdom to hear God above the noise or above authentic persuasion, rest in the spirit of every visionary, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, I call families and loved ones to pray together and to pray for each other; I rebuke the spirit of laziness and complacency towards family prayers. Amen.
- I cover every person I love today under the blood of Jesus; let Your protective arms encircle them and let Your favor surround them like a shield. Amen.
- Loving Father, I resolve in my spirit that what I carry in me is greater than the vessel that carries it; this vessel will sacrifice for the gospel. Amen.
- Thank You Jesus for the love of family and friends, but I praise You that You are too attractive for me to be distracted by emotional loved ones. Amen.

**IT was I, even I;
Hear my testimony, hear my cry,
Men and brethren, for it was I
Who at Gamaliel's feet studied the law
With the zeal towards God that is now in
you all.
Persecuted the Christians, even to death;
Then I found the light or rather, the light
found me, then!
Why beat me, for Christ gave me my release?
You paid for your freedom; I was born
(again) free!**

ACTS 22

¹Paul responded and said. "Men, brethren and fathers, hear my defense which I now make."

²And when they heard him speak in the Hebrew tongue, they became even more silent and attentive, and he went on;

³"I am a man who am a Jew, who was born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up here at Gamaliel's feet.

I was taught the perfect manner of the law of the fathers and was zealous toward God, as today you all are.

⁴“And I persecuted this Way to the very death, binding both men and women and delivering them to prison.

⁵The high priests bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders from whom I received letters to the brethren from this place.

And I went to Damascus to bring those there bound here to Jerusalem to be punished in this town.

⁶And it came to pass, as I made my journey, I came near to Damascus about noon; suddenly a great light from heaven shone all around me.

⁷And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying clearly,

‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?’

⁸Who are You, Lord?’ I answered then.

And He said, **‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, who you persecute.’**

⁹And those who were with me saw the light and were afraid, but they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke.

¹⁰And I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’

And He said, **‘Arise and go into Damascus and you shall be told all the things that you are appointed to do.’**

¹¹And when I could not see, for the glory of the light,

but those who travelled with me led me by the hand into Damascus, blind.

¹²And one Ananias, a devoted man according to the law, who had a good report of the Jews who dwelt there,

¹³came to me and stood and said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight!’

And the same hour, my eyes opened and I looked at him.

¹⁴And he said, The God of your fathers has chosen you that you should know His will and see the Just One and should hear the voice of His mouth from now on;

¹⁵for you shall be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.

¹⁶And now why do you delay? Arise and be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on the name of the Lord!’

¹⁷“And it came to pass, when I returned to Jerusalem again,

while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance

¹⁸and saw Him saying to me, **‘Hurry, get out of Jerusalem for they will not receive your testimony here concerning Me!’**

¹⁹And I said, Lord, they know it was I who imprisoned and beat in every synagogue those who believed on You.

²⁰And when the blood of Your martyr, Stephen, was shed I was standing by, consenting to his death.

And it was I who kept the garments of those who slew him.’

²¹And He said to me, **‘Depart, for I will send you far to the Gentiles.’**”

²²And they listened until this word.

Then with lifted voices they said, “Away with this fellow, for it is not fitting that he should live.”

²³And as they cried out and cast off their clothes and threw dust in the air,

²⁴the chief captain commanded then that he be brought into the castle and be examined by scourging,

so that he might know why they cried against him like that.

²⁵And as he was bound by them with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who stood by,

“Is it lawful for you to scourge a Roman man who is not condemned?”

²⁶When the centurion heard this, he went to the chief captain and told him saying, “This man is a Roman; be careful what you do to him!”

²⁷Then the chief captain came to him and said,

“Tell me, are you a Roman?” And he answered, “Yes!”

²⁸Then the chief captain answered him, “With a great sum I obtained this my freedom.”

And Paul said, “But I was born free!”

²⁹And those who would scourge him departed immediately.

And the chief captain was afraid when he knew Paul was a Roman because he had bound him.

³⁰And in the morning, because he desired to know for sure why he was being accused of the Jews,

he loosed him from his bonds and commanded the chief priest and counsel to appear; and he set Paul before them.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Connect with the people to communicate to them; connect with their language, their zeal and their passion and it will give you the window to connect them with your Christ.*
2. *Never miss an opportunity to share your testimony when you have an audience, your testimony is your greatest witness.*
3. *You may have to take a battering to introduce Jesus to the masses; it is for their betterment; He is alive, He is real.*
4. *Their animosity may be your opportunity if you can see to minister beyond your own hurt, pain and heartache.*
5. *You will never recognize how blind you are until you see Jesus; you will never recognize how good liberated feels until you are blinded by His light.*
6. *Press in to see Jesus, your life and ministry changes when you see Him.*
7. *Religion loves itself first and itself last; religion is as open as its laws are closed.*
8. *They will not receive your testimony but they must hear it.*
9. *Stay focused on the mandate of who sent you even when you disturb culture, and others are disturbed at who you are sent to.*
10. *Why take an unnecessary beating when the*

laws of your nation provide protection for you?

11. *The laws of Rome protect its own, how much more a citizen of the kingdom God? You are a citizen of no ordinary kingdom; there are privileges and regulations administrated by angels, that the world and the kingdom of darkness must observe concerning you.*
12. *You belong to Christ; use that name; display the mark of your citizenship; human and devils are afraid of your covering.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Heavenly Father, let the power to build relationships rest in the spirit of every believer, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, impregnate the heart of every believer with overflowing joy and gratitude that compels them to speak of Your goodness. Amen.
- My Father God, further the cause of Your sacrificed Son through all my experiences and pain. Amen.
- Holy Father, help me never to allow my personal circumstances to get in the way of my witness, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, reveal Yourself to me; redirect all my misdirected steps. Amen.

Lead me safely on, Father;
Lead me safely on.
Through hatred, anger, traps and danger,
Lead me safely on.
On beyond the striving Sadducees,
beyond those with an oath bound to kill me,
Beyond Herod's judgment hall and on to destiny,
Lead me safely on!

ACTS 23

¹And Paul, earnestly assessing the council, said, "Men and brethren, hear; "I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."

²And the high priest Ananias spoke, commanding those standing by to strike him on his mouth.

³And Paul responded saying, "God shall strike you, you white-washed wall! For you sit to judge me after the Law, and command me to be struck contrary to the Law."

⁴And those who stood by said, "Do you revile God's high priest?"

⁵Then Paul said to them, "I did not know, brethren, that he was the high priest, for it is written that you shall not speak evil of the ruler of your people."

⁶And when Paul wisely analyzed the multitude, and saw that part was Sadducees and part Pharisees,

he decided then to touch their divide.

And to the Council he cried,
 "Men and brethren, hear me. I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee am I;
 of the hope and resurrection of the dead
 I am called into question!"

⁷And as he said this, a great dissension arose among the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Then they became a divided multitude,
by tactful words they were confused,

⁸for the Sadducees claimed there was no resurrection, not of angels, nor of spirit, but the Pharisees confessed both.

⁹And a great cry then arose.

And the scribes of the Pharisees stood up and said, "We find no evil in this man; if a spirit or an angel spoke to him, let us not fight against God."

How far would they go to justify themselves?

¹⁰But when the argument between them became very great,
Paul's silent prayer was, "Lord, lead me safely on!"

The chief captain, fearing that Paul would be pulled to pieces and mauled by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them, and to bring him immediately into the castle.

In their confusion he was being filtered out.

¹¹And the next night the Lord stood by Paul and said.

"Be of good cheer Paul, for as you have testified of Me in Jerusalem, you must bear witness also of Me at Rome."

¹²And in the morning, some of the Jews banded together and bound themselves with a curse, saying that they would not eat nor drink until they had murdered Paul.

¹³And it was over forty of them who had made this conspiracy.

¹⁴And they came to the elders and chief priests, saying, "We have bound ourselves under a great curse that we will not eat until we have slain Paul."

¹⁵"Now therefore with the Council, please signify to the chief captain that he bring him down to you tomorrow as though you would inquire something more perfectly of him, and we will be ready and prepared to kill him as soon as he comes near."

Lord, lead me safely on, for You hear!

¹⁶When Paul's nephew heard of their trap, he entered the castle and told this to Paul.

¹⁷And Paul called one of the centurions to him and said,

"Bring this young man to the chief captain, for he has a certain thing to tell him."

¹⁸So he took him and brought him to the chief captain and said,

"Paul the prisoner called me to come and has requested that I bring this man to you, saying, 'He has a certain thing to tell you.'"

¹⁹Then the chief captain took him by the hand and he went with him to a private spot and he asked, "What is it that you have to tell me?"

²⁰And he said, "The Jews have agreed to desire of you that you will bring Paul down into the Council tomorrow,
 as if to enquire something more perfectly of him."

21“But do not give in to their request, for there lie in ambush more than forty men of them who have bound themselves with an oath, that they would not eat nor drink until they have killed him.

And they are ready even now looking for a promise from you.”

22So the chief captain charged the young man and let him leave, saying,

“Ensure you tell no one you showed these things to me.”

23And he called two centurions to him, saying, “Make ready a band consisting of two hundred foot soldiers, with seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen, to go to Caesarea at the third hour of the night.

24And provide a horse on which to set Paul and bring him there to Felix the governor safe.”

25And he wrote a letter in this manner, saying, 26“Claudius Lysias, to the most excellent Felix. I send greetings to you this day.

27“The Jews had taken this man and would have killed him, but I came with an army and rescued him from them, having understood that he is a Roman.

28I brought him to their Council to know the cause that they had accused him,

29and I perceived it to be a question of their law; but he had nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or bonds.

30“And when I was told how the Jews laid wait for him, I sent him to you immediately, and I gave commandment to his accusers, to come to you and to say what they had against him before you there; farewell.”

And so his letter ended.

31Then the soldiers took Paul as they were commanded and brought him by night to Antipatris,

32and in the morning they left the horsemen to take him on safely, and they returned to the castle.

33When the horsemen arrived at Caesarea, they delivered the epistle to the governor and presented Paul before him as they were charged.

34And when the governor had read the letter, he asked what province he was of, and when he understood he was of Cilicia, he said,

35“I will hear you when your accusers come.” And he commanded them to keep Paul in Herod’s judgment hall;

but Paul knew, “*Safety was of the Lord.*”

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Men will strike you to change your testimony before men, but never let them change your clear conscience before God.
2. It is against the rule to speak evil of your ruler no matter how evil they are; your role is to bless them since your blessing and the blessing of your nation comes through them.

3. Division confuses even the most noble cause. You can cause them to forget their cause if you can find a way to divide them; this is the open strategy of the enemy.
4. Hypocrisy is complimenting something you condemn if it takes side with you.
5. Hearing the voice of the Lord in the midst of your greatest trial makes it worthwhile; getting His direction in the midst of confusion makes resolute.
6. Your testimony may be rejected but it registers in the ears of men on earth and is registered in heaven.
7. An oath without absolute control of the outcome is absolutely foolish; you may have to break it or it may break you.
8. The word of the Lord to you is absolute, it exposes the secret schemes of the enemy and brings it to nothing.
9. Never make a covenant with death or you may face the conflict with life and the crisis to escape your penalty of death.
10. Rest in the hands of God, and men will plan but can never lay hands on you; rest in the plans of God and it aborts every evil plan of man concerning you.

PRAYER POINTS

- Heavenly Father, You are worth the sacrifice; let me be counted among those who will never be coerced to compromise their faith, in the name of Jesus.
- Righteous Father, teach the youths of this nation the law of honor; bring this nation to its knees for our leaders. Amen.
- Let every spirit that seeks to divide believers on the basis of menial arguments, receive angelic fire, in the name of Jesus.
- I speak integrity into the heart of every believer; we will not compromise; in the name of Jesus.
- Most High God, let the voice of comfort and the voice of direction, speak to the spirit of every minister under trial for their faith this moment, in the name of Jesus.

WILL your anchor hold in the storms of life?

Will men tremble at the words of your lifted voice?

When the strong tides lift and you are accused by men,

Will your anchor drift or firm remain?

Do you have that anchor that keeps the soul

Steadfast and sure while the billows roll?

By righteousness fastened to the Rock which cannot be moved,

Are you anchored firm and deep in the Savior’s love?

ACTS 24

1And after five days Ananias, the high priest, came down with the elders, and a certain orator named Tertullus with them, who complained to the governor against Paul. 2And when he had brought him out, Tertullus accused him before everyone, saying, “Seeing we enjoy great quietness by you and that by your providence very worthy deeds are done to our nation,

³and we accept it all, in all places, with all thankfulness, oh, most noble Felix.

⁴Nevertheless, that I be not further tedious to you,

I request that you would hear us, of your clemency these few words.

⁵We have found this man to be a pestilent fellow,

a mover of seditions also among all Jews throughout the world,

⁶who has gone about to profane the temple. And we took him, and we would have judged this man by our own law,

⁷but the chief captain Lysais came upon us and took him by great force and violence out of our hands,

⁸and commanded his accusers to come here to you.

By examining him yourself, you may take knowledge of all these things, that we accuse him of."

⁹And the Jews also assented then, saying that these things were so.

¹⁰And after the governor had beckoned to Paul, for him to speak, he then spoke, saying,

"Forasmuch as I know, my lord, that you have been a judge to this nation for many years,

I answer for myself to you with greater cheer;

¹¹that you may understand that there are yet twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem to worship.

¹²"And they did not find me in the temple disputing with any man,

neither raising up the people in the city nor the synagogues;

¹³neither can they prove any of the things of which they now accuse me of.

¹⁴But this I confess to you that after the way they call heresy, I worship the God of my fathers,

believing all things that are written in the Law and the Prophets,

¹⁵and have hope towards God, which they themselves acknowledge,

that there is a resurrection of the dead, the just and unjust both.

¹⁶"And in this I exercise myself, to always have a conscience free of offence towards man and God.

¹⁷Now after many years I came to bring an offering to my nation,

¹⁸and certain Jews of Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with tumult nor multitude,

¹⁹who if they had anything against me should have been here objecting before you,

²⁰or else let these ones here say if they have found any evil in me, as I stood before the Council,

²¹except for this one voice concerning the resurrection of the dead that I testified among them, I am called into question this day."

²²And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of the Way, he deferred them, saying,

"When Lysias, the chief captain shall come down,

I will then know the full extent of your matter."

²³And he commanded a centurion to keep Paul, and to let him have liberty,

and to forbid none of his acquaintance to minister or come to him.

²⁴And after certain days when Felix, with his wife, a Jewess named Drusilla, came,

he sent for Paul to hear him concerning his faith.

He was firm with resolute assurance, and with much confidence he spoke.

²⁵As he reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come, Felix trembled and answered,

"Go your way for now; when I have a convenient season I will call for you."

²⁶He hoped too that money would have been given to him by Paul in order to secure his release, so he sent for him more frequently and conversed with him.

²⁷But after two years, Porcius Festus came into Felix's room and Felix, wanting to do a favor for the Jews, left Paul bound.

CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. The greater the appreciation of others, even your judge, the greater the reception; the more relevant the praise, the more responsive the person. They will lavish praise to subvert process.*
- 2. Their contention with you is all about the Christ you represent; be assured, the Christ you represent will contend with them on your behalf.*
- 3. Gather yourself together in God when they gather together against you; hide yourself so that only God is visible; be silent so that only God speaks.*
- 4. Be bold, be confident, be empowered; you have the rights; you have a defense.*
- 5. You may be out-numbered but never out-voiced; the truth is weightier than their concord of lies.*
- 6. The best of human judgment is subject to the limitations and emotions of the judge; address their knowledge and emotions.*
- 7. The Lord will give you favor in the midst of your trial and captivity; He prepares a table for you in the midst of your enemies.*
- 8. Consistently contend for the faith without compromise; they will not be able to break you, but your commitment will break them.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Awesome and amazing God, teach believers how to honor and to give credit; let them start with daily honoring and appreciating You. Amen.
- Arise, O Lord, vindicate everyone under fire because they dared to believe and follow Your word. Rise in Your terrible anger and rebuke their enemies. Amen.
- Shelter me, O Lord, under Your protective wings; open Your mouth and defend my cause. Amen.
- Most High God, empower believers with boldness and wisdom to speak in the face of rising opposition to the gospel. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, give weight to my every word; when

the wind is raging, speak through me. Amen.

THE Lord has shown me, be it known;
Destiny awaits this man in Rome.
Will you go to Jerusalem? This I will not do;
I will not consent to the Jews.
Festus and Agrippa, I give to you my word,
But destiny awaits this man in Rome.
Perhaps to testify of Christ,
Perhaps the many scripts I am yet to write,
To witness to men throughout all times.
Yes, perhaps as a grain of wheat to die, be sown;
But destiny awaits this man in Rome.

ACTS 25

¹Now when Festus had come into the province, after three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem.

²Then the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul and petitioned him, ³and desired favor against Paul that he would send him to Jerusalem, that they could lay an ambush to kill him in the way.

⁴But Festus answered that Paul would stay in Caesarea and he himself would depart shortly and go there.

⁵“Let those who are able, go down with me, and there accuse him, if there is any wickedness in him.”

⁶And after he remained among them for over ten days, he went down to Caesarea. And the following day, sitting on the seat of judgment, he commanded that Paul be brought to him.

⁷And when Paul had entered in, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem laid grievous complaint against him, which they could not prove.

⁸Paul answered for himself, saying, “I spoke, neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor yet against Caesar I have not offended in anything at all.”

⁹But Festus, willing to please the Jews, said to Paul, “Will you go to Jerusalem to be judged of these things before me?”

¹⁰“At Caesar’s judgment seat I stand,” Paul responded, “this is where I ought to be judged, for I have done no wrong to the Jews, as you know very well, therefore, I await judgment in Rome.

¹¹If I am an offender or have committed anything that is worthy of death, I do not refuse to die!”

The Lord spoke to me, and therefore to Rome I set my eyes.

“But if none of the things that they accuse me of is found in me, no man may deliver me to them; I appeal to Rome.

I appeal to Caesar’s judgement seat!”

¹²And Festus, after conferring with the Council, then answered, “You have appealed to

Caesar, to Caesar you shall surely go!”

Yes, destiny awaits this man in Rome.

¹³King Agrippa and Bernice came after certain days to Caesarea, to salute Festus.

¹⁴And when they had been there for many days, Festus declared Paul’s cause to the king, saying, “There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix,

¹⁵about whom, when I stayed in Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders informed me, desiring to have judgment against him.

¹⁶To them I answered, ‘It is not the custom of the Romans to deliver a man to die in any way before he and his accusers are brought face to face,

and he has permission to answer for himself concerning the crime that is laid against him.’

¹⁷Therefore when they had promptly come, on the following day I sat on the judgment seat and commanded them to bring this man.

¹⁸The accusers stood up against him, and they brought no accusations of the things I supposed;

¹⁹but rather certain questions of their own superstition, of one Jesus who was dead, of whom Paul affirmed to be alive, that He is indeed risen from the dead.

²⁰“But because I am not an expert in such manner of questions, I asked if he would go to Jerusalem and be judged of this matter.

²¹But when Paul appealed to be heard by Caesar, I commanded him to be kept until he could be sent.”

²²And Agrippa said to Festus, “I would also hear him myself.”

“You shall hear him tomorrow,” he replied.

²³And in the morning, when Agrippa and Bernice had come, they entered into the place of hearing with great pomp with the principal men of the city and the chief captains.

And Paul was brought out at Festus’ command.

²⁴And Festus said, “King Agrippa and all men with us here, all the Jews, both at Jerusalem and also here, have dealt with me about this man, saying that this man ought to live no longer.

²⁵But when I found that he committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself has appealed to Caesar, I have determined to send him.

²⁶But to my lord, I have no certain thing to write of him.

Therefore I have brought him before you at this time, and especially you, King Agrippa, for your insight, that I may know what to write after we hear this man.

For destiny awaits this man in Rome.

²⁷But it seems unreasonable to send a prisoner from here and not carefully signify the crimes he is being charged with.”

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Do not be distracted that there are hands working against you in high places, there is a hand working for you in the highest place.*
2. *When they seek to kill you against their own laws to defend their own laws, you know they are driven by confusion and conceit.*
3. *Sit in the incorruptible court of heaven because you do not know what counsel has been corruptly concocted against you in the court of man.*
4. *Their accusation and complaint will be serious and sustained even if unsubstantiated; your greatest enemy is jealousy, conceit and stubbornness.*
5. *The strength of your case may not be decided on the strength of your argument, but the weakness of the system forging a relationship between your judge and your enemy.*
6. *You are up against it when your life and your case is as unimportant in court as a favor to your enemies.*
7. *When you cannot find justice in the court of man appeal to the higher court, Caesar/heaven, to vindicate you; they will be acting above their authority if they refuse to release your case.*
8. *If the accusation and argument becomes conflicting and confusing, step away so you are not caught up in a gossip, or an evil, vengeful or conceited agenda.*
9. *They will determine you are worthy of death if you disagree with them, but your destiny is determined by God; He is directing your life.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Most High God, I am happy You are strategically positioned on high; You see, You hear, You laugh; You will speak. Amen.
- Almighty God, ruler of heaven and earth, defend our faith against every irrational and conceited attack of the enemy. Amen.
- I stand at Your judgment seat Father, and submit my case to You; I appeal to the throne of God. Amen.
- Let every spirit of jealousy and conceit attacking innocent believers, die by fire, in the name of Jesus. Satan, by the power in the blood of Jesus, I command you to let go and flee. Amen.
- Righteous Father, let every compromise and corruption in our justice system be exposed and expelled, in the name of Your Son Jesus. Amen.

**I GIVE you the truth; I give you the life; I will not give you the bonds, but I give you the Christ.
I give you the good and all things to gain; Will not give you the hurts; will not give you the pain.
Will not give you my hatred for this Way as I journeyed that day;
I give you the Light that I found on my way.
Almost persuaded Christ to believe?
I give you my all that you would give your all to receive.**

ACTS 26

¹Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Speak for yourself; you are permitted.”

Then Paul stretched out his hands and answered for himself,

²saying, “I count myself happy, King Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself before you this day touching all the things I am accused of by the Jews,

³especially because you are an expert, in all questions and customs that are among the Jews.

Therefore I beseech you to hear me patiently.

⁴My way of life from my youth here among my own nation in Jerusalem, all the Jews know assuredly,

⁵“even those who knew me from the beginning; if they would testify; for after the strictest sect of religion I lived, a Pharisee.

⁶Now I stand and am judged here for the hope of the promise that God made to our fathers,

⁷for which our twelve tribes served God both night and day;

they served constantly for the hope to come, for which hope’s sake, O king,

I am accused of the Jews to you.

⁸Why should this be an incredible thing, that God should raise the dead?

⁹I thought to myself then that I needed to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth,

¹⁰“which I also did in Jerusalem, shutting up in prison many saints, having received authority from the chief priests.

And when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them,

¹¹and I punished them often in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme. I was exceedingly angry with them.

I persecuted them even to strange cities.

¹²And so, as I went to Damascus, with commission and authority from the chief priests by whom I was sent,

¹³at midday, O king, while the sun was shining bright,

I saw a greater brightness. From heaven came a distinctive light.

It shone all around me and those who accompanied me.

¹⁴And when we had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speak,

saying in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?’

It is hard for you to kick against the pricks!’

¹⁵And I said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ Then He said,

¹⁶I am Jesus who you persecute; now rise and stand on your feet.

And I knew that the Light of the world was the light that shone upon me!

He said, **I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister, to witness both of the things you have seen and are yet to do,**

in which I will appear to you.

¹⁷“Delivering you from all men, from the people and from the Gentiles, to whom you are now sent.

¹⁸To open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to the light, and from the power of Satan to God.

That they might receive forgiveness of their sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith that is in Me.’

¹⁹And, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

²⁰but first showed myself to those at Damascus and at Jerusalem, and throughout all Judea’s coasts, and then to the Gentiles, that they repent and turn to God, and do works suitable for repentance.

²¹For this cause the Jews caught me in the temple and went about to kill me, but God led me safely to this point.

²²With God’s help I continue to this day, witnessing to both great and small, saying no other things but what Moses and the prophets had said would come to pass, ²³that Christ should suffer and from death be the first to rise and show light, *yes the great light of the Son, to the people and to the Gentiles!*”

²⁴And as he spoke for himself, with a loud voice Festus said to Paul, “Paul you are beside yourself; much learning has made you mad!”

²⁵But he said, “I am not mad, most noble Festus, but I speak words of truth, and words of soberness,

²⁶for the king knows of these things, before whom I freely speak; for I have great persuasion that none of these things are hidden from him, for in a corner were they not done.

²⁷King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.”

²⁸Then King Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to be a Christian!”

²⁹And Paul said, “I wish that not only you but also all who hear me this day were both almost and altogether such as I am in this Way apart from the chains!

I give to you my freedom, except for these bonds.

I give to you the Light that outshines the sun.”

³⁰And when he had spoken, the king and the governor rose up, along with Bernice and those who sat with them also.

³¹And they talked among themselves when they had gone aside, saying, “This man has done nothing worthy of death or of bonds.”

³²Then Agrippa said to Festus, “This man might have been set free to go if he had not appealed to Caesar and to Rome.”

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. You assert yourself when you are with experts in the topic area; your defense is limited to the expertise of your judge.
2. They will refuse to judge the scriptures for recording it, but will judge you for believing what is recorded.
3. The resurrection of the dead is an incredible feat of an incredible God that will always be credulous to many.
4. Divine intervention changes your direction and brings you into contention for greater things.
5. If they do not understand your past, they will never understand your passion.
6. Death pursues everyone who invites death; your anger is your own destruction; forgive, Jesus restores.
7. Your case has already been determined in your calling; the Lord has already determined to deliver you from your persecutor so you may deliver them from darkness and turn them to Him.
8. Your heavenly calling may distance you from men and cause them to detest you, but it is more detrimental to be disobedient to God.
9. You may take a battering for your faith, but it is for your bettering and the betterment of men.
10. Faith was formed through the fire that Jesus went through, it is carried through the fire they give to you.
11. They may have attempted to kill you to destroy your witness; but fire energizes your witness and causes it to live on.
12. Defend your witness with your life, your body may die, but your witness must never die.
13. They may not believe you speaking the word of the ones they profess to believe, but they cannot escape Christ if they go back to creation, forward to Moses, David and beyond. They will come to the reality that the only real future is Christ.
14. It is not your madness that moves them, it is how profound and persuasive the word of God in you is.
15. The heart of the true believer wants to give men the change without passing on the chains; to give them the peace without passing on the pain; to give them the life without the death, but the reality is, possessing and persecution goes hand in hand.
16. Almost persuaded is summarized as personal resistance; it is not good enough to hear the knocking; unlatch the door.
17. Touching the door of heaven is the centre of the torch of hell; heaven is on the inside not in proximity.
18. Your greatest freedom is in the chains of the gospel; it is not decided by man but decided by God; you go wherever He sends you.

PRAYER POINTS

- Most Holy God, breathe wisdom and direction into the spirit of every believer facing legal challenges today; power of divine resolve be theirs now. Amen.
- I declare that I will believe every word written in the Bible and demonstrate them in my life. Amen.
- My Lord Jesus, You are very alive; continue to raise the dead and to do mighty things that will shock unbelievers. Amen.
- Thank You Father, for intervening in my life and

changing my trajectory from destruction to glory. Amen.

- Thank You Lord for where You have brought me from and where You are taking me; I have every reason to be passionate and I will be. Amen.

**I CARE not today what tomorrow may bring,
Shadow or sunshine or rain;
The Lord I know rules over everything,
and all of my worry is vain.
Though tempest may blow and storm clouds arise,
Though these chains reduce my chance to survive,
I am never alarmed at the overcast skies;
The Master looks on at my strife.
Living by faith in Jesus above,
Trusting, confiding in His great love,
From all harm safe in His sheltering arms,
Living by faith, I feel no alarm.**

ACTS 27

¹And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy,

to a centurion of the Augustan band named Julius, they delivered Paul and other prisoners;

²and entering into a ship we launched from land.

The ship was of Adramyttium, and it had set a course to sail the way of the coast of Asia, for one Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica had been with us.

³And we arrived at Sidon the next day, and Julius treated Paul with favor, and he gave him the liberty to go to his friends and refresh himself.

⁴And when we had launched afterward from there, we sailed under Cyprus because we had a contrary wind.

⁵And when we sailed over Cilicia, and the sea of Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia,

⁶and there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria for Italy. He placed us on it.

⁷And when we had sailed many days slowly, and had just come over against Cnidus, the wind not allowing us, we sailed under Crete over against Salmone.

⁸We had barely passed there when we came to a place called the Fair Havens which was located near the city of Lasea.

⁹And when sailing became dangerous, after we had spent a lot of time, because the Fast was now already over, Paul cautioned them,

¹⁰saying, "Sirs, I perceive if we take this voyage, it will cause much hurt and damage, not only of the ship but to our lives!"

¹¹But the centurion believed the master and owner of the ship to the advice of Paul, the one who spoke by faith.

¹²He also considered that the harbor was not

large enough to winter in.

The greater part advised that they depart from there if by any means they might reach Phoenix, and to winter there.

It was a haven of Crete, which lies between the southwest and the northwest.

¹³And when the south wind blew softly they left, supposing that they had justified themselves.

They sailed from there, close by Crete;

¹⁴but not long after, there rose up a tempestuous wind against the ship called Euraquilo.

¹⁵And when the ship was caught and was about to sink we allowed her to drift,

¹⁶and we came to a certain island named Claudia.

We had a lot of damage on the boat to repair, ¹⁷which, when they had assessed it, they used cables, undergirding the ship; and fearing lest they fall into the shallows,

they set sail and we were again driven.

¹⁸We were exceedingly tossed by the tempest! The next day they lightened the ship.

¹⁹And we cast the ship's tackling out with our hands on the third day, *while Paul remained calm; he was living by faith!*

²⁰And when no sun nor stars appeared in many days, and the sea was churning with the wind raging greatly, we lost all hope that we would be saved.

²¹But after long abstinence, Paul stood forth. He said "Sirs, you should have heard me and heeded my words of faith, and not have sailed from Crete, than to have gained this harm and loss that you now experience!"

²²And now I exhort you, be cheerful."

Yes be happy in the midst of your storm.

Live by faith and His words will make you calm!

"For there shall be no loss of life among you, but loss of the ship only.

²³"For this night an angel of God stood by me, whose I am, and Whom I serve,

²⁴saying, 'Paul do not fear, for you must be brought before Caesar, and there you shall be heard.

God has given you all who sail with you.'

²⁵Therefore, sirs, be of good cheer, for I believe God, that even as He told me, so shall it be."

When all is gone, faith is all I have and all I need!

²⁶"However, we must be cast on an island."

²⁷And when the fourteenth night had arrived and we were driven up and down in the Adriatic,

as midnight drew near, the sailors determined that we had drawn close to some country,

²⁸and they sounded the water for depth and found it to be twenty fathoms deep;

not long after they sounded again and found it to be fifteen fathoms.

²⁹Fearing we fall on rocks, they cast four anchors from the stern and waited anxiously for

day.

³⁰And as the sailors were about to flee from the ship to the land, having let down the boats into the sea; deceptively as if they were casting anchors out,

³¹Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, "Unless you stay in the ship, you cannot be saved."

³²So they cut the ropes from the boat and let them fall, trusting God to be their guide; *yes, learning to live by faith in the word of the Lord.*

³³And when day was coming, Paul encouraged them all to take food, saying, "This is your fourteenth day of fast in which you have eaten nothing,

³⁴therefore I encourage you, for your health have a meal, for not a hair shall fall from the head of any of you!"

³⁵And when he had spoken, he then took bread and gave thanks to God in their presence;

and after breaking it, he began to eat.

³⁶And they were all of good cheer as they also took food to eat.

³⁷In all there were in the ship two hundred and seventy-six persons.

³⁸And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea.

³⁹And when it was day, they did not know what land it was, but discovered a shore with a certain creek. They were minded to thrust the ship into it, if it was possible.

⁴⁰And when the anchors were taken up, they loosed the rudder bands and hoisted the main sail into the wind and sailed for shore.

⁴¹And falling into a place where two seas merged they ran the ship aground, and the front firmly stuck and remained unmovable, but the back was broken by the tumultuous waves, for it was violent!

⁴²The soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any swim out and escape.

⁴³But the centurion, willing to save Paul, commanded that those who could swim should cast themselves into the sea first and get to land,

⁴⁴and the rest should come, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship.

And so, by doing this they all escaped safe. *A fourteen day lesson in living by faith!*

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Favor in your fire is the greatest indication that you are in good fellowship with God.
2. It does not matter what bruises you outside, as long as the love of God is brewing inside you; it does not matter what winds are blowing it must never blow you outside the will of God or blow the peace of God away from you.
3. A word of knowledge diverts disaster, death and

danger; a word of knowledge is higher, more effective, and of greater value than education and expertise.

4. They may own the ship but they do not own the sea, they will lose the ship and their own lives if they refuse to listen to the one who rules the sea and owns it all.
5. Circumstances do not factor when God speaks; majority does not matter when God speaks; His word is settled and cannot be shifted; let it settle the matter.
6. Great opportunities that are averse to the word of God are deception and a death-trap from the enemy.
7. You know what wind is blowing now but you do not know what wind is about to rise on the horizon; sail with the wind of the Holy Spirit.
8. Your trouble did not start with your storm, it started with your failure to hear God in your calm.
9. It is easy to control your narrative and your response to God when you are in control, but it only takes a moment for you to lose complete control.
10. When the storms of life are blowing, nothing is more precious than your life; you will let go of your cargo and every precious thing just to save your life.
11. It is best to surrender your wisdom, your lives, your cargo and precious things to God before the storm and you will prevent the storms and the loss of lives and valuables.
12. It is best, less painful, and less costly to learn by instructions than to learn by experience.
13. How much hardship? How many storms? How many days of fear and anxiety before you are willing to drink in the words of the prophetic?
14. A word from the Lord in your crisis is refreshing if you have come to trust Him. The voice of the Lord will be your final judgment if you keep missing it; stop and listen!
15. When nothing else can, the voice of the prophetic will deliver you, take you out of danger and death, and give you the hope of life, hope in life and a life of hope.
16. The word of God will discover and divert your selfish schemes at self-preservation; you cannot save yourself; stay with the Word of God, stay in the word of God, and stay tuned to God the Word.
17. You feast in the good times but some storms will blow away your desire for food and make you forget hungry.
18. When the wind blowing on your seas defeats fourteen days of hunger then you know you have been through hell; when the word of God revives your appetite, then you know you have awakened to hope.
19. Spend the night in the word of God and you will wake up resting in the hope of God.
20. When you are hopelessly lost at sea, God's word always finds you and leads you to the place of your next exit.
21. Maintain your righteous witness and remain in God, it can save your community, your fellow passengers, your co-workers, your family, your country and your world.

PRAYER POINTS

- Marvellous Lord God, thank You for surrounding me with favor as with a shield; You set me higher than all my dire circumstances to show me how much You regard me. Amen.

- I am resting in the love of my Lord Jesus, and nothing unsettles me; the world did not give me this joy and nothing can take my joy away.
- Holy Father, give me a word in my storms that I may hold on to throughout, in the name of Jesus.
- Most high God, break the pride of the mighty and let them find wisdom in hearing and fearing You. Amen.
- Let the noise of circumstances and human wisdom that fights for Your word in my heart be silenced; my heart is settled, speak Lord. Amen.

FAITH of our fathers, living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword.
They make all men's hearts beat high with joy,
For to the end they are sharing God's word.
Faith of our fathers, we still strive, to win all nations for You.
Oh, how sweet would be their children's lives
If they too, in sacrifices and perils, could set men free.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to You till death.
We will leave the true standards we have set,
For those generations that are coming yet.

ACTS 28

¹And when they had escaped, they discovered that the island's name was Malta.
²And the native people showed us extravagant kindness, for they kindled a fire and received all who came, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.
³When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, there came out a viper from the fire and fastened on his hand and bit him.
⁴And the natives said to themselves when they saw this, "No doubt this man is a murderer who, though he escaped from the sea, yet vengeance does not allow him to live!"
But they were stunned by what happened and what the man of faith did!
⁵Paul shook the reptile into the fire, and he felt no harm, *and continued casually as if he was not alarmed.*
⁶However, they looked to see when he should have swollen or fallen down dead suddenly from the poison; but after they had looked for a great while, and no harm came to him, they said, "This is a god," all changing their minds.
⁷In the same quarters were the property of the chief man of the island whose name was Publius. He received us and lodged us courteously for three days.
⁸And it so happened that his father was sick of fever and a bloody flux, so Paul entered and

prayed for him.

Then he laid hands on him and healed him.

⁹And when this was done, others too who had diseases came and were healed;

¹⁰and they honored us then with many honors.

And when we departed, they gave us many things that were needed.

¹¹Faith of our fathers demonstrated by Paul; escaping the tempest, a prisoner, facing death, yet he gave himself to God and to the people with all his heart.

¹¹After three months, we departed by a ship to Alexandria, which had wintered in the island and had the sign Castor and Pollux.

¹²And landing at Syracuse, we remained there for three days.

¹³And we sailed from there and came to Rhegium, and after a day the south wind blew and we arrived at Puteoli the next day.

¹⁴We found brethren there who desired we stay a while.

We went on to Rome after staying for seven days.

¹⁵And from there, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us, from as far as Appii Forum and from the Three Taverns.

When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.

¹⁶And when we had arrived at Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guards.

But Paul was allowed to dwell by himself with a soldier keeping him.

¹⁷And it came to pass that after three days

Paul called together the chief Jews, and he said to them when they came:

"Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people nor the customs of our fathers,

I was delivered a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans,

¹⁸who, when they had examined me, would have let me go because there was no cause of death in me.

¹⁹But when the Jews spoke against setting me free,

I was constrained to appeal to Caesar, not that I have anything to accuse my nation of.

²⁰"For this cause, therefore, I have called you, to see you and to address you, because for the hope of Israel I am bound in these chains."

²¹They said to him, "We have not received any letters about you from Judea, neither have any of the brethren who came showed or spoke any evil of you.

²²But we desire to hear of you, what you think, for this sect is spoken against in every land."

²³And when they had appointed him a day, many came to him in his lodging. He expounded and testified to them then, the

kingdom of God;
with every breath he was sharing his faith.
 He persuaded them concerning the Lord Jesus from the Prophets and the law of Moses. He spoke from morning to evening.

Faith kept him on the go!
²⁴Some believed the things he spoke of and some did not believe.

²⁵And when they did not agree among themselves, they were about to depart. And Paul spoke to them, saying, "By Isaiah the Holy Spirit spoke to our fathers, saying,
²⁶To this people go, and say, "Hearing, you will hear, and will not understand; seeing you will see, and will not perceive,
²⁷for the heart of this people is hardened; the ears are dull of hearing, and the eyes have been closed shut,

lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I should heal them!"

²⁸Know therefore that the salvation of God is sent to the Gentiles, and they will hear it!"

²⁹And when he had said these words, while reasoning greatly among themselves, the Jews went out.

³⁰And Paul dwelt two years in a hired house and received all who came in to him.

True to the faith, faithful till death,
³¹preaching God's kingdom in his bonds and his chains!

Teaching those things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, *not concerned about his life. Taking every opportunity to give, no man forbidding him; true to the faith, until he was beheaded!*

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *There is good in everyone waiting for the opportunity to be expressed.*
2. *The situation the devil creates to rattle you and to discredit your witness will serve to ratify you and to amplify your witness.*
3. *Assign fire to every serpent and scorpion that wants to hang on to you; you shall tread upon them.*
4. *Ministry is a mindset that storms do not break; it breaks through storms to reach the needs of people.*
5. *The heart of a true minister draws enthusiasm from what it has been through, for the task ahead that it needs to do.*
6. *Ministry is not stuck at the edge or the awe of the*

- storms it faced; it does not attribute so much credit to its storms that it can no longer perform.*
7. *You consistently perform in your greatest challenges when you understand that the God in you cannot be bound with chains but has the power to break chains and set captives free.*
 8. *Express God and He will impress you with favor, with everyone around you, as He expresses Himself through you to unbelievers.*
 9. *Set your heart to honor God and He will cause people to honor you.*
 10. *It warms your heart when you find the brethren in unusual places, but it warms His heart when you make brethren in all places, to the ends of the earth.*
 11. *Keep sowing; you do not know how far your seed will go and you do not know how it will come back to bless you.*
 12. *The gospel may not guarantee your freedom in life but it will free you with life, give you special privileges, and guarantee your glory.*
 13. *When you are bound by the chains of the gospel, your bondage will serve to set prisoners free.*
 14. *Your prison is your platform to preach the gospel; your mortality is your opportunity and urgency to immortalize the gospel.*
 15. *Study to show yourself approved; know the word of God, understand its context and pretext and history; you can make the word real to them by relating it to their world.*
 16. *Not everyone you preach to will receive your word; some will believe and some reject, but you do not know which seed will prosper so you must preach it anyway.*
 17. *Not because they hear means that it has registered, not because they see means they have insight, not because it is plain means that they will receive it; you are up against demonic blockades.*
 18. *Your willingness to preach will create for you the platform to preach, the confidence to preach and the freedom to preach, even with your physical limitations. (Paul was in prison).*

PRAYER POINTS

- Most High God, thank You for the good in every unbeliever; transform their hearts so You can be the center of their good. Amen.
- Most High God, take the glory from every demonic attack against me; let every snake lifting its head, die by fire, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I assign fire to every serpent and scorpion seeking to defeat and destroy my witness. Amen.
- Let the wind of the Holy Spirit ignite the fire of resolve in the heart of every minister, to preserve and amplify their witness in the midst of their fiery trials. Amen.
- Father, I thank You that my storms have made me strong and through it all, Your joy has been my strength. Amen.