

# Next Man Up

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## Mingle Question: What's your Super Bowl score prediction?

Anyone know who this vitally important Chiefs player is?

### The Next Man Up: Matt Moore

- *Illus:* Matt Moore was ready to go when Pat Mahomes got hurt earlier this season. Matt played an extremely important role for the Chiefs organization this year and yet no one's really talking about him right now. The team is more important than the individual. Matt Moore will get a Super Bowl ring this Sunday even if he doesn't take a single snap. And if, heaven forbid, Pat Mahomes had to step out of the game for some reason, Matt Moore will be ready to go. So much maturity with that mentality.

### the acts of Jesus continued...

- We KICKED OFF this sermon series two weeks ago. Check everything out online. Our website, tallgrass.church, is full of good stuff for you and your family and friends!
- Last Sunday was my favorite Central Gathering thus far, the wedding of Bill and Naemi Bickmeier. We loved it so much for many reasons, but two big ones stuck out to me. 1) This room was full! And had energy. 2) The crowd was diverse, and we all loved that! Both of those realities are vision for Tallgrass Church as we near year two of this church plant in April!
- As we study through Acts together we have two resources for you. 1) Scripture Memory Card and 2) Bible Reading Plan.
- Friends, let's become men and women of the Word, because we believe in the Creator God and we long to be in relationship with Him and to live full lives in the way He designed us!
- Now, let's TACKLE the second half of Acts chapter 1.

**Acts 1:15-17** <sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the brothers \*and sisters (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup> "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

### PRAY!

- Peter is the Rock—Luke 9:18-20; Matthew 16:17-19
- Peter was strengthening the brothers and sisters as Jesus prayed he would do in Luke 22.
- The early church began with about 120 people. That's almost exactly the same number we had at our one year celebration for Tallgrass Church. The early church grew like crazy from this point forward as we'll learn as we go. You don't need a lot of people to be a part of God's rescue plan through history.
- Peter's first speech, of 11 throughout Acts, was about Judas, one who is missing from the 120 here, and who is missing from the original disciples of Jesus.

**Acts 1:18-19** <sup>18</sup> (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup> And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

- We're about to start an amazing journey, the early church! How does Luke kick things off? By highlighting the betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot in graphic detail. Some historians leave out the bad details. Not Luke. He puts the good, the bad, AND the ugly in there...because it happened and it's important to his purposes.

- Judas vs. Peter—There is hope. So repent!
- Defection for stuff, status, or sensuality
- The world’s system vs. the Kingdom of God/Jesus
- Judas Iscariot is the most extreme example of defection that we have. His end was gruesome.
- Judas left the place God chose for him to go to the place he chose for himself.
- Peter also defected at one point...and then repented.
- Defection happens when we are drawn to the world’s system more than we are drawn to the Kingdom of God. When we are drawn to the things of this world more than we are drawn to the things of God.
  - Stuff, Status, and Sensuality
- One of the ways to help you keep from defecting is by Gathering Centrally.
- We want to be the church both gathered AND scattered.

**Acts 1:20-22** <sup>20</sup> “For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,  
and let there be no one to dwell in it’; (Psalm 69:25)

and

“‘Let another take his office.’ (Psalm 109:8)

<sup>21</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.”

- This is STILL God’s plan for the Jewish people!
  - “The text is about the identity of the community of the followers of Jesus as God’s people, and about the mission of the task that consists in the witness to Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and exaltation.” –Schnabel, Eckhard J. *Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament*. Zondervan, 2012, p. 105.
  - “The focus of the leaders of the church should not be on strategies, methods, and techniques, but on the person and work of Jesus Christ.” –Schnabel, Eckhard J. *Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament*. Zondervan, 2012, p. 107.
  - Become a witness—Acts 1:8
- Prophecy and the nature of Scripture—Jesus taught them and opened their minds to understand the Scripture
- This is still a Jewish thing. This is true Judaism; Judaism fulfilled!
- God’s plan required 12, not 11. Which is different that professional football where you get flagged for 12 men on the field. Here, you get flagged for 11 men on the field.

**Acts 1:23-26** <sup>23</sup> And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias.

<sup>24</sup> And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”

<sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

## The acts of Jesus continued...with a NEXT MAN UP mentality!

- Defection hit and there was something really important about the twelve. They needed a next man up. There were so many options. Men who had been working alongside Jesus. This is what we want in our church.
- Try to put yourself in Joseph called Barsabbas’ and Matthias’ shoes. They have been with Jesus from the beginning. They saw Jesus crucified and rise again. They lost their friend, Judas Iscariot, to suicide very recently. They are being considered for a very dangerous role in a small movement of people that, by definition as an Apostle, are being sent out to the end of the earth.
- I look forward to talking with Matthias about this moment in his life.
- I look forward to talking with Barsabbas too. Did he struggle with jealousy when the lot fell to Matthias? What was Barsabbas’ ministry like?

## Scary Steps of Faith:

“Be brave enough to suck at something new.”

- When I saw this on Facebook I thought of Nikki Renberg who’s 2020 Word of the Year is Brave.
- Trombone Section Leader—I remember when I was chosen to be the trombone section leader in the Kansas State University Marching Band as a sophomore. There was someone else in the section who I thought would be chosen. I felt I had big shoes to fill but man, I learned so much through that experience because I accepted the new role despite it being scary at the time.
- Preaching—I remember when Todd Stewart had a knee injury when he was the Lead Pastor at New Hope Church and I was called upon to preach five Sundays in a row. That was a big stretch for me at the time. I learned so much and grew so much as a leader because I filled that leadership vacuum.
- Gym—I remember when I stepped foot into the gym for the first time one year ago and the bravery it took and then how much progress I’ve made in one year.
- I love what I’m hearing about in the Greeve LIFE Group and Geldart LIFE Group where people are stepping in a teaching the Bible or leading the group, sometimes for the first time. Awesome!

## The Kansas Leadership Center Leadership Transformation Grant

- The Kansas Leadership Center is all about how we can expand our bandwidth for leadership through smart experiments.
- We have eight Tallgrassians going to the initial KLC program, Your Leadership Edge, this week.
  - Core Team Members—Dave Geldart, David Renberg, Maris Deaver
  - Other Tallgrass Leaders—Ricky and Amalie Greeve, Ron Goodman, Jenn Geldart, Elisha Hillegeist

## Next Man Up

### Leadership Vacuums

- Fill leadership vacuums, even if you don’t feel like you’re ready! Do you think Matthias felt like he was ready? I don’t know for sure, but I doubt it. I doubt that any of the Apostles were confident they were ready for the tasks God had given them.
- The way we will develop this next man up mentality together in 2020 is through our strategic priorities.

## Strategic Priorities:

### 1. Corporate Prayer

- a. Prayer and casting lots vs. Prayer and fasting—Old Covenant vs. New Covenant
- b. The church is a supernatural organization led by the Creator Himself. That’s why we engage in corporate prayer when it comes to discernment for decision-making.
- c. Tuesday morning prayer, Elder Meetings, Staff Meeting, etc.
- d. Become a church where people come to get prayed for
- e. Pray more together in Central Gathering for one another, which we’ll do next week as we pray for Terrence before he’s deployed.

### 2. Discipleship

- a. One of the ways to be ready to get into the game is through Discipleship.
  - i. Creativity in discipleship--What might this look like for you today?
- b. Sometimes I evaluate my own leadership by asking myself, “What would happen if for some reason I was taken out?” “What would happen at Tallgrass Church if I were to tragically pass away, heaven forbid?”

- c. Part of the organizational strength of the church as it's meant to be is that every member is vitally important but yet there are capable people ready to step into gaps, ready to fill leadership vacuums.

### 3. Gathering Centrally

- a. Our Elder Team, me, Dave Geldart, Ron Goodman, Ricky Greeve, and David Renberg, and some others have been praying and fasting for provision for a space for us to be able to meet in on Sunday mornings.
- b. We've been looking at anything and everything that comes up as a remote possibility. Lots of out-of-the-box ideas.
- c. We now have a potential new meeting spot that our Elder Team and the rest of the Staff Team, Elisha Hillegeist and Dilan Oglesby, are excited to bring to you to come and dream together with us!

### **Chiefs Family Photo**—Clark Hunt, Andy Reid, Patrick Mahomes, and Chiefs Kingdom!

We all have a part to play in the success of the church, God's plan for the hope of the world. Matt Moore played a role this season and plays a role in the game tonight. But he's not the only one. The entire Chiefs organization is important to the mission of the Chiefs Kingdom. That's why the owning family, the Hunt family, sent everybody to the Super Bowl today, nearly 2000 staff members plus their families! That's security, support staff, custodians, everybody. They each have a role to play in the success of the organization. Each role is different from the next, but important nonetheless. Let's go Chiefs Kingdom, and more importantly, let's go Tallgrass family!

### **Pray!**

### **Q&R&Testimonies?!?!**

### **Sing together:**

1. Way Maker
2. Come Thou Fount
3. Build Your Kingdom Here

# The Chopping Block:

## Sermon Rehearsal Feedback:

- 29 minutes
- Personal stories good—slow down; props?
- Put Matt Moore later and beef it up by connecting to the fact that we all have a part to play
  - Hunt family sending entire Chiefs organization to the Super Bowl
- Don't do the Israel connection stuff
- The principal of organic leadership development and next man up plays out throughout the New Testament.
- It's all about we're all growing together.
- Defection, moral failure, ministry opportunities
- The early church was setup for success even through major loss because it wasn't just a one man show. There was a plurality of leadership.
- Don't pepper the action steps throughout.
- Do more onramp to bring folks up to speed with Acts.
- Bring in the suicide text on Judas.
- Briefly recap the Judas betrayal scene.
- Penalty flag for twelve men on the field—Consider throwing a penalty flag.
- Show how the early church was built on human leadership as they relied on God's direction. This was God's design and plan. John 17 passage
- How have I experienced the need for the next man up in my life?

## Notes:

- Structure:
  - Peter's initiative to fill the gap left by Judas Iscariot (1:15-22)
  - Two candidates nominated (1:23)
  - Corporate prayer prior to decision-making (1:24-25)
  - Decision via casting of lots and the integration of Matthias (1:26)
- This passage contains:
  - Narrative (1:15, 23, 26)
  - Speech (1:16-22)
  - Scriptural interpretation (1:16, 20)
  - Prayer (1:24-25)
- **Luke 22:31-34** <sup>31</sup>“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, <sup>32</sup>but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” <sup>33</sup>Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”
- This is the first of 11 recorded speeches by Peter in Acts.
- **2 Peter 1:16-21** <sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- “Luke does not gild the lily, or simply present an idealistic picture of the halcyon days of yore. His positive summary statements (c. Acts 2:43-47; 4:32-37; 9:31) must not be taken in isolation from the narratives they connect.” –Witherington III, Ben. *The Acts of the Apostles: A Socio-Rhetorical Commentary*. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1998, p. 127.
  - The need to replace Judas Iscariot, Ananias and Sapphira, Simon Magus, Cornelius and the Acts council, the Christian preacher who knew only of John’s baptism (Acts 18)
- “The central theme of this passage is the identity and mission of the church.” –Schnabel, Eckhard J. *Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament*. Zondervan, 2012, p. 104.
- James was replaced after he was killed in Acts 12. So this isn’t setting a precedent for Apostolic succession moving forward but IS solidifying that this message is for the Jews.
  - **Luke 6:12-13** <sup>12</sup>In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup>And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles...
  - **Luke 22:29-30** <sup>28</sup>“You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, <sup>29</sup>and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, <sup>30</sup>that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
    - Remember, we’re talking about the acts of Jesus continued. There’s got to be a 12<sup>th</sup> man on the team to sit on the 12<sup>th</sup> throne judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
  - **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- “At this juncture what Peter is referring to is the plan of God set forth in the Holy Scriptures, which must be fulfilled. Luke is not talking about some hidden, inscrutable design of a deity, but rather about the revealed will of God.” –Witherington III, Ben. *The Acts of the Apostles: A Socio-Rhetorical Commentary*. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1998, p. 121.
- Casting lots—Prov. 16:33; Lev. 16:8; Josh. 23:4; 1 Chron. 6:65; 25:8-9; 26:13-14; Neh. 10:34; 11:1; Is. 34:17; Jonah 1:7; Ex. 28:30; Num. 27:21; Deut. 33:8

## The speeches in Acts:

- [http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ted\\_hildebrandt/NTeSources/NTArticles/CTR-NT/Kistemaker-SpeechesActs-CTR.pdf](http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ted_hildebrandt/NTeSources/NTArticles/CTR-NT/Kistemaker-SpeechesActs-CTR.pdf)

## Passages:

- **Acts 5:1-6** But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, <sup>2</sup>and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. <sup>3</sup>But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? <sup>4</sup>While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.” <sup>5</sup>When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. <sup>6</sup>The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him.
- **Acts 5:7-11** <sup>7</sup>After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. <sup>8</sup>And Peter said to her, “Tell me whether you sold the land for so much.” And she said, “Yes, for so much.” <sup>9</sup>But Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.” <sup>10</sup>Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. <sup>11</sup>And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.
- **Acts 5:12-16** <sup>12</sup>Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men

and women,<sup>15</sup> so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.<sup>16</sup> The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

- **Acts 7:51-53** <sup>51</sup> “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup> you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

## Holy Spirit

- **Luke 1:15** for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the **Holy Spirit**, even from his mother's womb.
- **Luke 1:35** And the angel answered her, “The **Holy Spirit** will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called **holy**—the Son of God.
- **Luke 1:41** And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the **Holy Spirit**,
- **Luke 1:67** [ *Zechariah's Prophecy* ] And his father Zechariah was filled with the **Holy Spirit** and prophesied, saying,
- **Luke 2:25** Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the **Holy Spirit** was upon him.
- **Luke 2:26** And it had been revealed to him by the **Holy Spirit** that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
- **Luke 3:16** John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the **Holy Spirit** and fire.
- **Luke 3:22** and the **Holy Spirit** descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”
- **Luke 4:1** [ *The Temptation of Jesus* ] And Jesus, full of the **Holy Spirit**, returned from the Jordan and was led by the **Spirit** in the wilderness
- **Luke 10:21** [ *Jesus Rejoices in the Father's Will* ] In that same hour he rejoiced in the **Holy Spirit** and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.
- **Luke 11:13** If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the **Holy Spirit** to those who ask him!”
- **Luke 12:10** And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the **Holy Spirit** will not be forgiven.
- **Luke 12:12** for the **Holy Spirit** will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”
- **Acts 1:1** [ *The Promise of the Holy Spirit* ] In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,
- **Acts 1:2** until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the **Holy Spirit** to the apostles whom he had chosen.
- **Acts 1:5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the **Holy Spirit** not many days from now.”
- **Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
- **Acts 1:16** “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the **Holy Spirit** spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.
- **Acts 2:1** [ *The Coming of the Holy Spirit* ] When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.
- **Acts 2:4** And they were all filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the **Spirit** gave them utterance.

- **Acts 2:33** Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the **Holy Spirit**, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.
- **Acts 2:38** And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the **Holy Spirit**.”
- **Acts 4:8** Then Peter, filled with the **Holy Spirit**, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders,
- **Acts 4:25** who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the **Holy Spirit**, ““Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain?
- **Acts 4:31** And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the **Holy Spirit** and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.
- **Acts 5:3** But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the **Holy Spirit** and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?
- **Acts 5:32** And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the **Holy Spirit**, whom God has given to those who obey him.”
- **Acts 6:5** And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the **Holy Spirit**, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.
- **Acts 7:51** “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the **Holy Spirit**. As your fathers did, so do you.
- **Acts 7:55** But he, full of the **Holy Spirit**, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.
- **Acts 8:15** who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the **Holy Spirit**,
- **Acts 8:17** Then they laid their hands on them and they received the **Holy Spirit**.
- **Acts 8:19** saying, “Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the **Holy Spirit**.”
- **Acts 9:17** So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the **Holy Spirit**.”
- **Acts 9:31** So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the **Holy Spirit**, it multiplied.
- **Acts 10:38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the **Holy Spirit** and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
- **Acts 10:44** [ *The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles* ] While Peter was still saying these things, the **Holy Spirit** fell on all who heard the word.
- **Acts 10:45** And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the **Holy Spirit** was poured out even on the Gentiles.
- **Acts 10:47** “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the **Holy Spirit** just as we have?”
- **Acts 11:15** As I began to speak, the **Holy Spirit** fell on them just as on us at the beginning.
- **Acts 11:16** And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the **Holy Spirit**.’
- **Acts 11:24** for he was a good man, full of the **Holy Spirit** and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.
- **Acts 13:2** While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the **Holy Spirit** said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”
- **Acts 13:4** [ *Barnabas and Saul on Cyprus* ] So, being sent out by the **Holy Spirit**, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.
- **Acts 13:9** But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the **Holy Spirit**, looked intently at him
- **Acts 13:52** And the disciples were filled with joy and with the **Holy Spirit**.
- **Acts 15:8** And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the **Holy Spirit** just as he did to us,



- **Acts 15:28** For it has seemed good to the **Holy Spirit** and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements:
- **Acts 16:6** [ *The Macedonian Call* ] And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the **Holy Spirit** to speak the word in Asia.
- **Acts 19:2** And he said to them, “Did you receive the **Holy Spirit** when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a **Holy Spirit**.”
- **Acts 19:6** And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the **Holy Spirit** came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.
- **Acts 20:23** except that the **Holy Spirit** testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.
- **Acts 20:28** Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the **Holy Spirit** has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.
- **Acts 21:11** And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, “Thus says the **Holy Spirit**, ‘This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.’”
- **Acts 28:25** And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: “The **Holy Spirit** was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet: