

Auditions for Acts 29**The Gospel in Motion**

The ending of Acts can feel surprisingly quiet. There are no dramatic miracles, no grand finale, and no account of Paul's death. Instead, Luke leaves us with a reminder that the story was never really about Paul. From the very beginning, Acts has been the story of Jesus continuing His work through ordinary people empowered by the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit that took a frightened group of disciples and helped carry the gospel all the way to Rome is still at work today.

1. Looking back over this past year of Acts, what moments most demonstrate how God worked through ordinary, imperfect people?
2. Consider what opportunities Jesus might be working in your life right now.

One thread running throughout Acts is the willingness of God's people to take risks because they trusted Him. Becoming a Christian was a risk, and preaching the gospel was a risk. Traveling, serving, giving, and standing for Christ often came with uncertainty and opposition. The disciples constantly stepped forward in brave faith because they believed and trusted that the Holy Spirit was already at work ahead of them. We often prefer to play it safe, but Acts challenges us to ask what faithfulness might look like if fear wasn't making our decisions.

1. What are some things you would do in your faith, discipleship, or involvement in the world if you weren't scared?
2. What is one area where God may be inviting you to trust Him more and take a step of faith?

The book of Acts ends, but the mission does not. The gospel continues beyond Rome, beyond Paul, and beyond the pages of Scripture into the rest of Christian history. In many ways, as Allen says, we've spent the past year auditioning for Acts 29. The baton has been handed to us. We are no longer meant to be spectators admiring what God and his people did back then; we are invited to become participants in what God is doing now.

1. What does it mean to move from being a spectator of faith to being an active participant in God's mission?
2. As you reflect on this series, what is one next step you sense God calling you to take as part of His ongoing story?