



“UNSTOPPABLE”

Part 2

**The Book Of Acts
Bible Study Booklet**

WEEK 1 September 13

Acts 13:1 - 14:28

1. What does the decision by the church in Antioch to send Barnabas and Saul teach us about how God calls and equips people for ministry?
2. What can we learn from the different responses to Paul's preaching in Cyprus, especially the proconsul's response, about how people respond when they encounter the truth about Jesus?
3. How did Paul connect Israel's history with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and what does this reveal about God's faithfulness to His promises?
4. Why do you think some Jews rejected Paul's message while many Gentiles welcomed it? What can their responses teach us about the things that can either open or close our hearts to God?

5. Why did opposition arise against Paul and Barnabas, and what does their response teach us about how Christians should respond when following Jesus brings rejection or criticism?
6. What do the experiences of Paul and Barnabas in Iconium and Lystra reveal about both the opportunities and the costs of faithfully sharing the gospel?
7. Why did the people of Lystra think Paul and Barnabas were gods, and what does their response teach us about humility and giving God the glory rather than seeking recognition for ourselves?
8. How did Paul and Barnabas encourage the new believers and strengthen the churches they established, and what does this show us about what people need in order to remain faithful after coming to Christ?

9. **Deeper Faith Question:**

Paul and Barnabas continued serving God despite rejection, persecution, and suffering. What are you willing to endure or give up in order to remain faithful to Jesus? What might reveal that your comfort or security has become more important to you than obedience to Him?

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WEEK 2 September 20

Acts 15:1-29

1. What was really at stake in the disagreement over whether Gentile believers needed to be circumcised and obey the Law of Moses? How could this issue have changed the way people understood salvation?
2. Why did Paul and Barnabas go to Jerusalem to discuss this matter with the apostles and elders? What does their willingness to seek wisdom from the wider church teach us about handling disagreements?
3. What did Peter say about God's acceptance of Gentile believers, and how did this challenge the idea that some people must meet additional requirements before they can truly belong to God?

4. How did Paul and Barnabas describe what God had done among the Gentiles, and why was it important for the church to recognise God's work rather than rely only on human expectations?
5. What conclusion did James reach about the requirements for Gentile believers, and how did this decision demonstrate both the freedom believers have in Christ and the importance of considering others?
6. Why was it important for the apostles and elders to resolve this disagreement together? What might have happened to the early church if this issue had been left unresolved?
7. What four instructions did the Jerusalem council give to Gentile believers, and what do these instructions reveal about Christian freedom, holiness, and respect for other believers?

8. **Deeper Faith Question:**

The council emphasised that people are saved through the grace of Jesus rather than by earning salvation through religious requirements. Are you trusting completely in God's grace, or do you sometimes feel that you need to earn God's acceptance? What would change in your life if you truly believed that God's love cannot be earned?

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WEEK 3 September 27

Acts 15:30 - 17:14

1. Why did Paul and Barnabas separate, and what can we learn from their disagreement about conflict, relationships, and God's ability to continue working even when faithful Christians do not agree?
2. How did Timothy become part of Paul's missionary team, and what does his story teach us about being willing to grow, learn, and allow others to invest in our spiritual development?
3. What led Paul and his companions to travel to Macedonia, and what does this teach us about being willing to change our plans when God redirects us?
4. What happened to Lydia and her household when Paul preached in Philippi, and what does Lydia's response teach us about how genuine faith can affect not only an individual but also the people around them?

5. How did Paul and Silas respond to being imprisoned, and what happened to the jailer? What does their response reveal about the possibility of worshipping God even when our circumstances seem completely unfair?

6. What was significant about the way the Bereans responded to Paul's teaching, and how can their example help us develop a faith that is both open to God's Word and willing to examine what we believe?

7. Deeper Faith Question:

Paul and Silas worshipped God even while imprisoned. How can you continue trusting and worshipping God when your circumstances are painful, disappointing, or unfair? What would it look like to worship God before you see the outcome you are hoping for?

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WEEK 4 October 4

Acts 17:15 – 18:22

1. How did Paul respond to the religious beliefs and culture he encountered in Athens, and what does his approach teach us about engaging respectfully with people whose beliefs are different from our own?
2. What was Paul's main message when he spoke at the Areopagus, and how did he communicate the truth about God in a way that connected with the people listening?
3. How did the people of Athens respond to Paul's teaching about God and the resurrection, and what can their different responses teach us about how we should respond when others reject, question, or accept our faith?
4. What happened when Paul began preaching in Corinth, and what does his experience teach us about how God can work through both encouragement and opposition?

5. How did God encourage Paul when he faced opposition, and what does this reveal about how God's presence can give us courage even when circumstances do not immediately change?

6. What role did Priscilla and Aquila play in helping Apollos understand the gospel more accurately, and what does their example teach us about receiving correction and helping others grow without pride or embarrassment?

7. Deeper Faith Question:

God told Paul not to be afraid but to keep speaking because He was with him. What fear might be holding you back from doing or saying something God is calling you to do? What might you do differently if you trusted God's presence more than you trusted your fear?

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WEEK 5 October 11

Acts 18:23 - 19:41

1. How did Paul continue strengthening the believers as he travelled through Galatia and Phrygia, and what does this teach us about the importance of helping Christians continue growing rather than simply helping people begin their faith?
2. Who was Apollos, and how did Priscilla and Aquila help him? What does Apollos's willingness to receive further teaching teach us about humility and lifelong spiritual growth?
3. What did Paul discover when he met the disciples in Ephesus, and what does this teach us about the importance of understanding the fullness of the gospel rather than settling for an incomplete understanding of faith?

4. How did God demonstrate His power through Paul's ministry in Ephesus, and what distinction can we see between God's power and people's attempts to use spiritual things for their own purposes?

5. What happened when the sons of Sceva attempted to use the name of Jesus, and what does this reveal about the difference between simply knowing about Jesus and actually knowing and trusting Him?

6. How did many people demonstrate that their lives had changed after believing the gospel, and what does genuine repentance look like when it begins to affect our choices, habits, possessions, and priorities?

7. Why did Demetrius and the craftsmen become angry with Paul, and what does their reaction reveal about how the gospel can challenge people's identity, comfort, financial interests, or way of life?

8. What happened during the riot in Ephesus, and what does this situation teach us about the potential consequences of the gospel challenging deeply held beliefs and interests?

9. Deeper Faith Question:

Many people in Ephesus gave up practices that were inconsistent with their new faith in Christ. Is there anything in your life that God may be asking you to surrender because it does not belong with your commitment to Jesus? What makes it difficult for you to let go of it?

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WEEK 6 October 18

Acts 20:1 - 21:16

1. How did Paul encourage and strengthen the believers as he travelled through Macedonia and Greece, and what does this teach us about the responsibility we have to encourage others in their faith?
2. What happened to Eutychus when Paul was speaking late into the night, and how did Paul respond? What does this event reveal about God's power and Paul's care for the people he served?
3. Why did Paul want to meet with the Ephesian elders at Miletus, and what does his concern for them reveal about the kind of leadership he believed the church needed?

4. How did Paul describe his ministry and his commitment to preaching the gospel, and what does his example challenge us to consider about our own priorities?

5. What warning did Paul give the elders about the future of the church, and why is it important for Christians to remain spiritually alert and protect the truth of the gospel?

6. Why was Paul determined to continue toward Jerusalem despite knowing that suffering awaited him, and what does his decision reveal about the relationship between love, sacrifice, and obedience to God?

7. What did the believers in Tyre and Caesarea warn Paul about, and why might people who loved Paul have struggled to understand or accept the path God was leading him toward?

8. What was Agabus's prophecy about Paul's future, and how did this prepare Paul and the believers for what was ahead?

9. How did Paul respond when the believers pleaded with him not to go to Jerusalem, and what does his response teach us about choosing obedience even when people who love us want to protect us?

10. Deeper Faith Question:

Paul was willing to face suffering because he believed obedience to God was more important than his personal safety and comfort. What would faithful obedience to God look like in your life if it required you to step outside your comfort zone? What comfort, security, reputation, or control might you have to surrender?

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WEEK 7 October 25

Acts 21:17 – 23:35

1. Why were some Jewish believers in Jerusalem concerned about Paul's reputation and ministry, and what does this reveal about the difficulty of balancing the gospel of grace with deeply held traditions and expectations?
2. What accusations were made against Paul, and what happened when he was seized in the temple? What does this teach us about how quickly misunderstanding and assumptions can lead to hostility?
3. How did Paul use his personal testimony to explain his faith in Jesus, and why can honestly sharing how God has changed us sometimes be more powerful than trying to win an argument?
4. How did Paul use his Roman citizenship when he was about to be flogged, and what does this teach us about using the rights and resources available to us wisely while still trusting God?

5. What happened when Paul appeared before the Jewish council, and how did he remain courageous and thoughtful even while surrounded by people who opposed him?

6. How was the plot against Paul's life discovered, and how was Paul taken safely to Caesarea? What does this reveal about the different ways God can work through ordinary people and unexpected circumstances to protect His purposes?

7. Deeper Faith Question:

Jesus encouraged Paul after the turmoil in Jerusalem and told him that he would also testify in Rome. When you are afraid or uncertain about the future, what promises of God can you hold onto? How might remembering God's faithfulness change the way you respond to what you cannot yet see?

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WEEK 8 November 1

Acts 24:1 - 25:27

1. What accusations did the Jewish leaders bring against Paul before Governor Felix, and what does their approach reveal about the way fear, prejudice, or personal interests can distort the way we view others?
2. How did Paul defend himself against these accusations, and what can we learn from the way he remained truthful and composed even when his reputation and freedom were at stake?
3. What did Paul teach Felix and Drusilla about faith in Christ, righteousness, self-control, and judgment, and why do you think these particular truths would have challenged them personally?
4. Why was Felix frightened by Paul's message, and what does his reaction reveal about the difference between being convicted by God's truth and being willing to change because of it?

5. Why did Felix continue to leave Paul in prison even though he knew Paul was not guilty of the accusations, and what does this teach us about the danger of allowing fear, comfort, or personal gain to influence our decisions?
6. What changed when Festus became governor, and how did Paul's circumstances demonstrate that God's purposes can continue even when political and personal situations change?
7. Why did Paul appeal to Caesar, and what does his decision teach us about using lawful means to protect ourselves while continuing to trust God with the final outcome?
8. Why did Festus seek King Agrippa's help with Paul's case, and how might God have been using Paul's imprisonment to place him before people he otherwise might never have had the opportunity to reach?

9. **Deeper Faith Question:**

Paul continued to speak about Christ even when he was a prisoner and knew that his circumstances were beyond his control. How can you remain faithful to God when you cannot control what happens around you? What is one thing you can still choose to do faithfully, even when the outcome is uncertain?

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WEEK 9 November 8

Acts 26: 1-32

1. How did Paul describe his life and beliefs before becoming a follower of Jesus, and why is understanding his past important for understanding the depth of God's grace in his life?
2. What happened to Paul on the road to Damascus, and how did encountering Jesus completely change the direction and purpose of his life?
3. What mission did Jesus give Paul, and what does Paul's calling reveal about God's desire to bring people from spiritual darkness into the light of Christ?
4. How did Paul explain the message he had preached to both Jews and Gentiles, and what central truths about Jesus were important enough for him to continue proclaiming despite opposition?

5. Why did Festus accuse Paul of being out of his mind, and what does this reveal about how the gospel can appear unreasonable to someone who does not yet understand its truth?

6. How did Paul respond when King Agrippa questioned him, and what can we learn from the courage and respect Paul showed when sharing his faith with someone who had greater social and political power?

7. Deeper Faith Question:

Paul openly shared how Jesus had changed his life and wanted others to know Christ too. What difference has Jesus made in your life, and how comfortable are you sharing that difference with others? What might make you more willing to tell your story?

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WEEK 10 November 15

Acts 27:1 – 28:31

1. What difficulties did Paul and the other passengers experience during their journey to Rome, and how did these circumstances test their faith, courage, and ability to trust God's purposes?
2. How did Paul respond when the ship encountered the violent storm, and what can we learn from his response about remaining calm and faithful when everything around us feels out of control?
3. What did God promise Paul about the people on the ship, and how did Paul's trust in God's promise influence the way he encouraged and cared for others?

4. What happened when the ship was wrecked on Malta, and how did God use what appeared to be a disaster to create new opportunities for Paul to serve and testify about Him?
5. How did Paul continue serving others while on Malta, and what does his example teach us about remaining useful to God even when our own plans have been interrupted?
6. What happened when Paul finally arrived in Rome, and how did God fulfil His promise to bring Paul there despite all the obstacles along the way?
7. How did Paul continue preaching about God's kingdom and teaching about Jesus while under house arrest, and what does this reveal about the power of God's mission even when His people experience limitations?

8. Deeper Faith Question:

Paul remained faithful to his calling even through storms, shipwreck, imprisonment, and uncertainty. What current challenge in your life could become an opportunity to trust God more deeply and remain faithful to Him? Instead of only asking, "How can God get me out of this?", what you could ask is 'How can I honour God in this?'

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