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"MOVING ON"

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Acts 1:1-11 ESV

Two questions the text forces us to wrestle with:

1. Are we as God's church just doing ministry, running programs, and maintaining an institution? Or are we part of a movement?
2. Is the church a place you attend or is it a movement you are personally part of?

The purpose statement from the text: Jesus is on a mission to redeem mankind by using His redeemed disciples to make His name known to all peoples until His return.

Acts 1:1-11 *"In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 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. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.*

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 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." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

I. MISSION OF JESUS

QUOTE: "God is a God of missions. He wills missions. He commands missions. He demands missions. He made missions possible through His Son. He made missions actual in sending the Holy Spirit." – George W. Peters

II. LABORERS OF JESUS' MISSION

A. The priorities of a disciple consumed with God's Mission

1) They are consumed with the message of the Mission.

CURRENT REALITY: According to Wycliffe Bible translations, 1 in 5 people on this planet, speaking 6,665 different languages, do not have a full Bible in their first language.

2) They find their confidence in the risen Savior.

3) They are powered by the Holy Spirit.

4) They are motivated by the urgency of the Mission.

5) They are a witness of Jesus.

III. GOD'S MISSION IS STILL ON THE MOVE.

IV. CONCLUSION: Are you part of the movement?