

Acts.



A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape featuring rolling sand dunes. The dunes in the foreground are a warm, golden-brown color, while the background dunes are more muted and hazy. The sky is a pale, overcast blue-grey. The overall mood is serene and expansive.

THIS CHANGES

EVERYTHING!



ACTS IS THE CONTINUING STORY
OF KING JESUS EMPOWERING HIS
PEOPLE THROUGH HIS SPIRIT.



THE PRESENCE ARRIVES
(2:1-13)

THE PROMISE UNFOLDS
(2:14-36)

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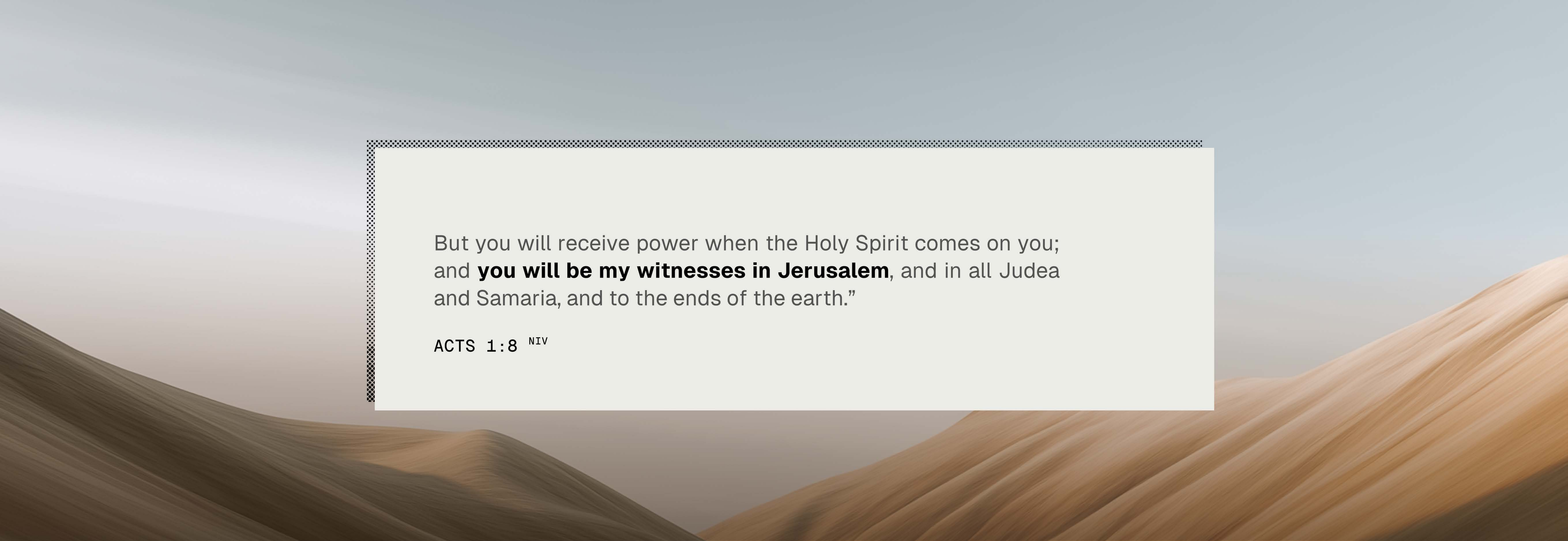
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ACTS 2:5-13 ^{NIV}



But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and **you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem**, and in all Judea
and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8 ^{NIV}

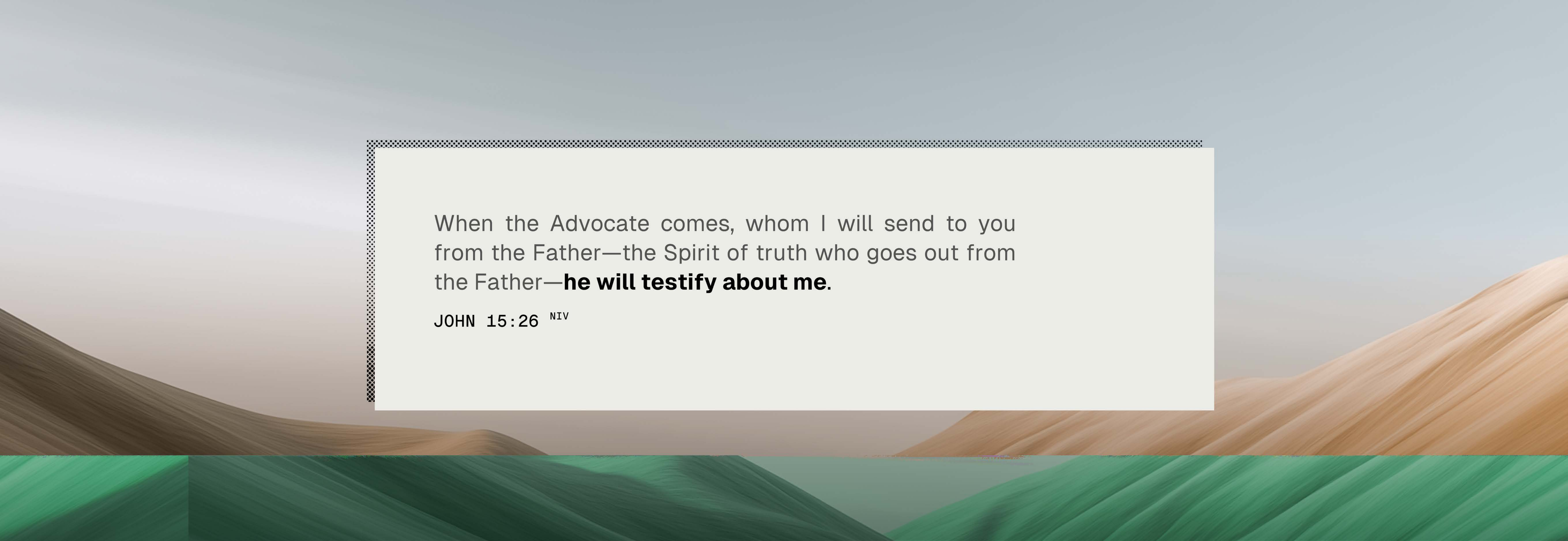
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When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—**he will testify about me.**

JOHN 15:26 ^{NIV}

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Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning!

ACTS 2:14-15 ^{NIV}

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God promises through Joel an outpouring of the Spirit in the last days... accompanied by prophesying, signs, wonders and people being saved. (2:16-21)

God promises through David that the Messiah would be one of his descendants and would be resurrected to reign forever as King. (2:22-35)

PETER'S GOSPEL CALL

“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him... ³⁶ ...let all of Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

ACTS 2:22-24;36 ^{NIV}

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ACTS 2:37-41 ^{NIV}

When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:
⁹ **about sin, because people do not believe in me...**

JOHN 16:8-9 ^{NIV}

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...the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for **he lives with you and will be in you.**

JOHN 14:17 ^{NIV}

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. **When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit...**

EPHESIANS 1:13 ^{NIV}

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, **who is in you,** whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

I CORINTHIANS 6:19 ^{NIV}

PRESENCE

GARDEN > MOUNTAIN > TABERNACLE > TEMPLE > INCARNATION > CHURCH > GARDEN

PENTECOST - THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

120 Jesus-followers
are in Jerusalem
praying.

The Holy Spirit
enables discernible
languages declaring
the wonders of God
to be spoken and
understood.

Peter explains
through Joel the
beginning of the
Spirit's life in God's
people.

Peter explains
through David that
Jesus is the
promised Messiah.

About 3,000 people
repent from unbelief
and publicly identify
with Jesus as
Messiah and Lord.

They receive the gift
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