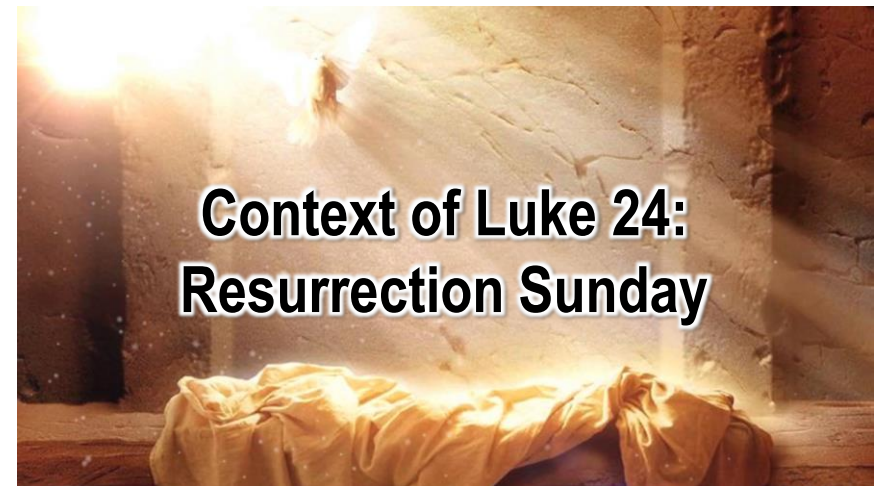


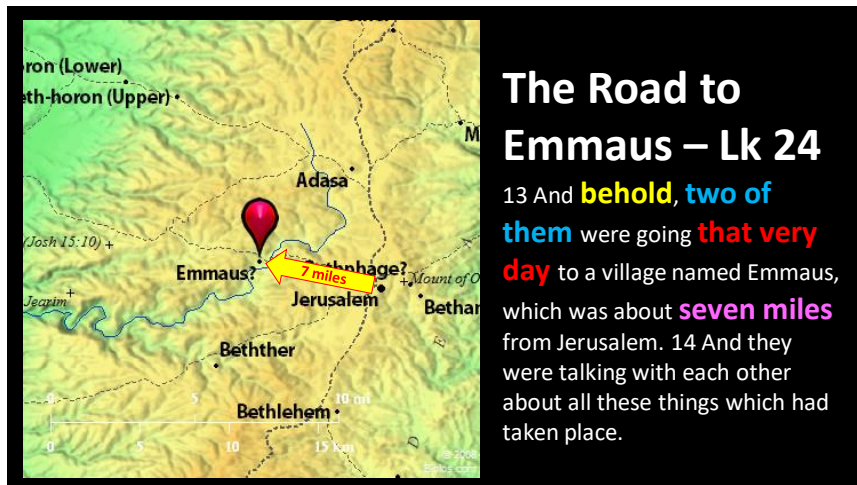
BEYOND the GRAVE





What do you think is the faith
level of the disciples then?
Excited? Fully charged up?
Ready for action?





18 One of them, named **Cleopas**, answered and said to Him, "Are You the **only one** visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?"

19 And He said to them, "**What things?**" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the

Nazarene, who was a **prophet** mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, 20

and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him.



21 But we **were hoping** that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the **third day** since these things happened.

22 But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the

women also had said; **but Him they did not see.**"

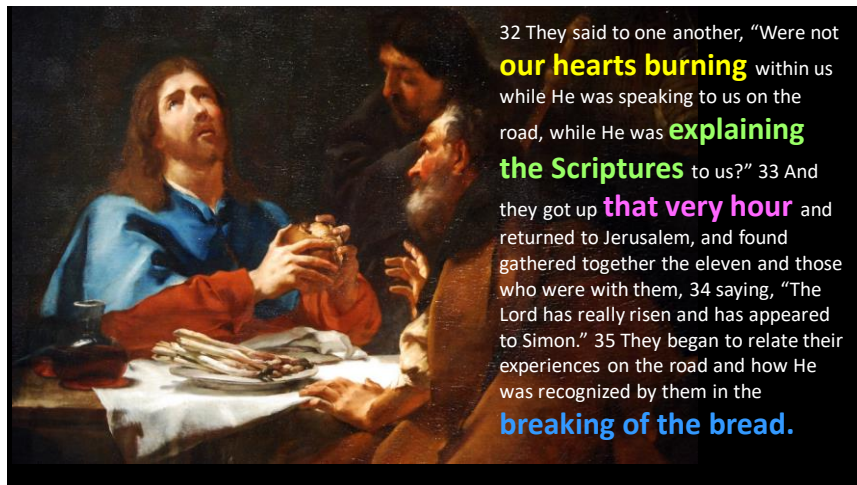


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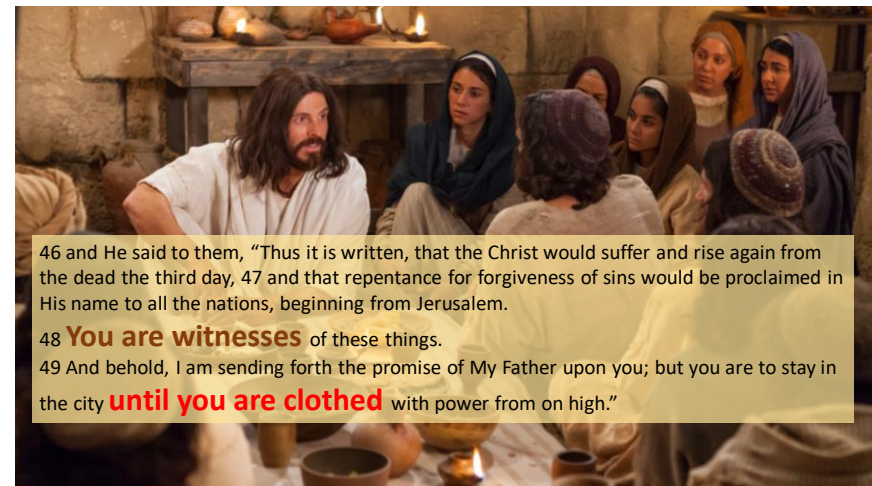
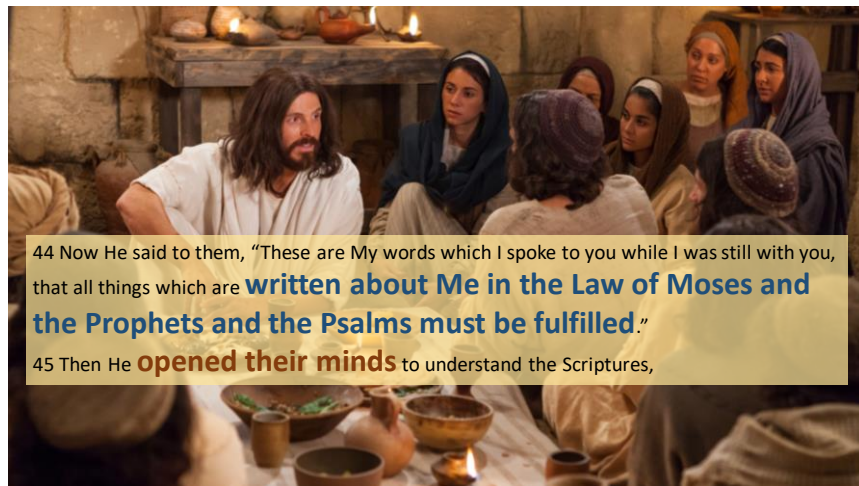


28 And they approached the village where they were going, and He **acted as though He were going farther.** 29 But they urged Him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over.” So He went in to stay with them. 30 When He had reclined at the table with them, **He took the bread and blessed it**, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. 31 Then their **eyes were opened** and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.











50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. 51 While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with **great joy**, 53 and were continually in the temple **praising God**.



**4 key principles Jesus highlighted
for us to grow our faith**

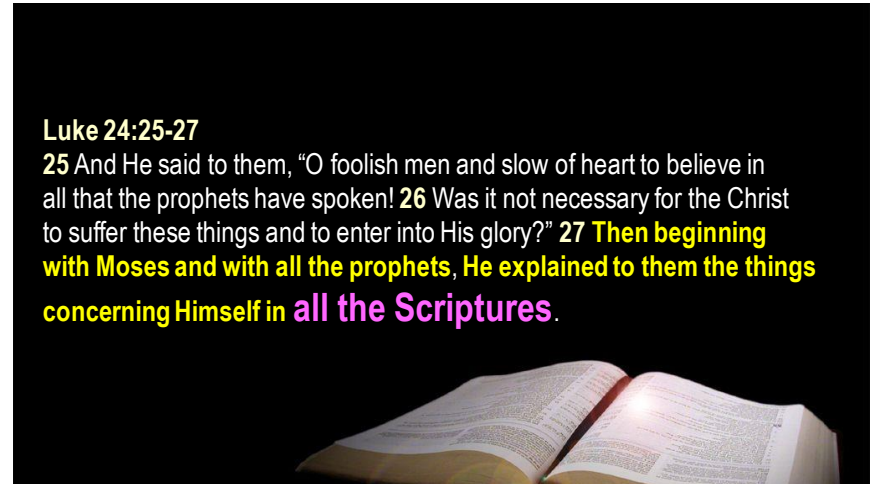
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Luke 24:44-45

44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45

Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.



Scriptures **MUST** inform our **MIND** of who GOD is. And **NOT** experiences.





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LAW	HISTORY	POETRY	PROPHETS	GOSPEL	HISTORY	EPISTLE	PROPHECY
Pioneer	Persevere	Pain	Prophetic	Person	Power	Protection	Presence
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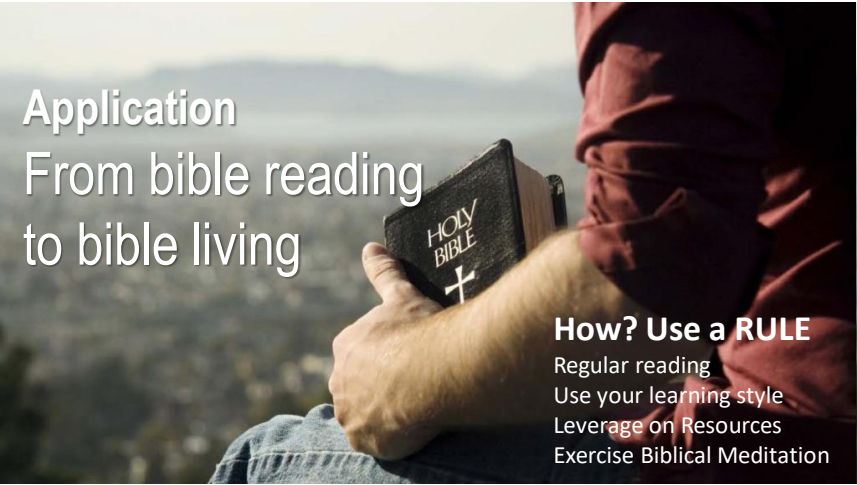
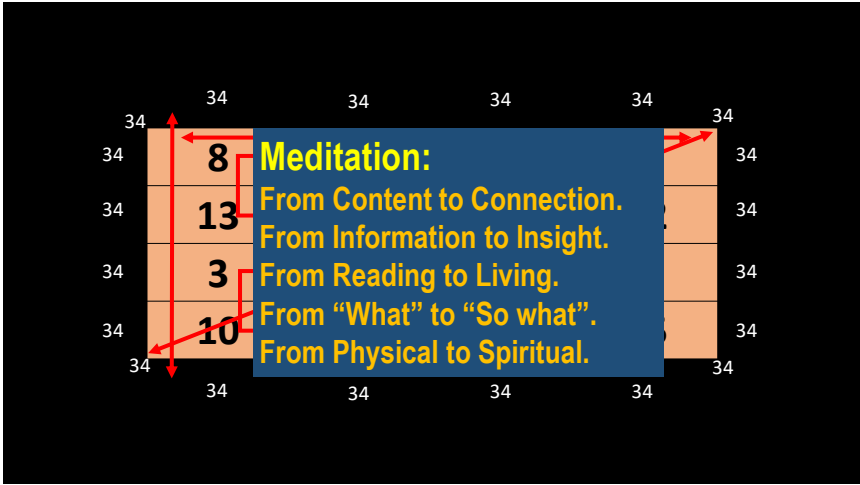
From bible reading to bible living

How? Use a **RULE**

- Regular reading
- Use your learning style
- Leverage on Resources
- Exercise Biblical Meditation

Learning to make connection = What do you see?

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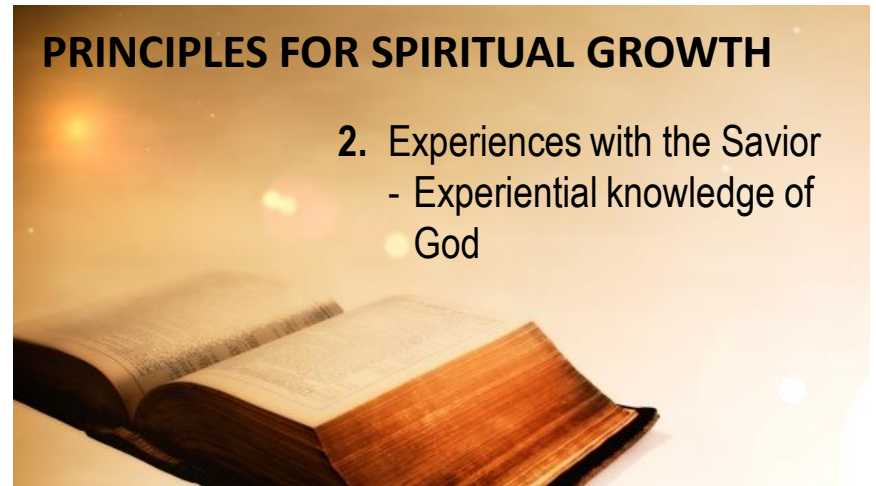
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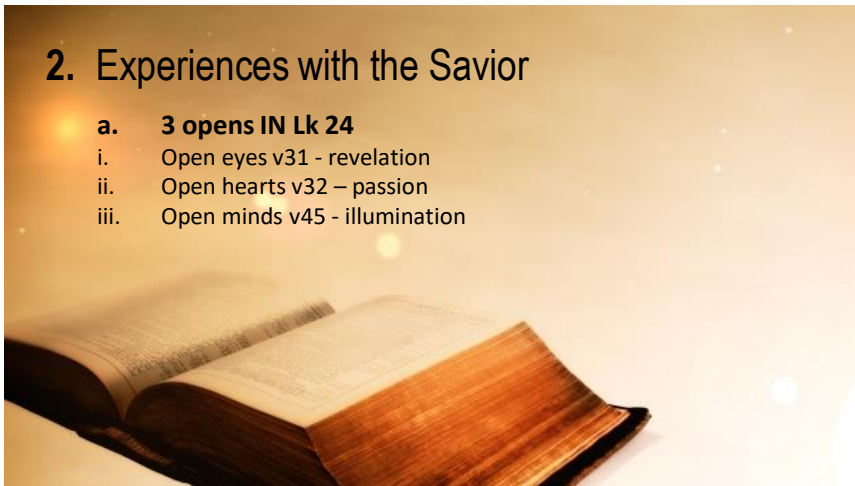
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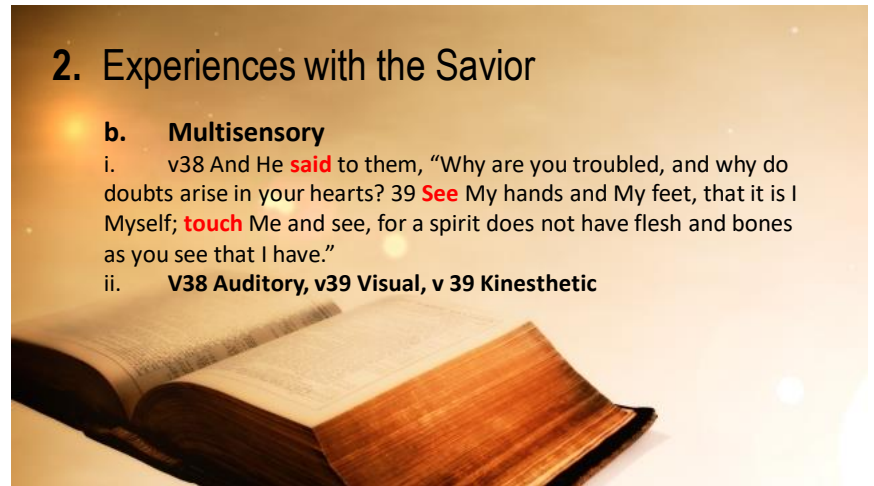
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 - ii. Open hearts v32 – passion
 - iii. Open minds v45 - illumination



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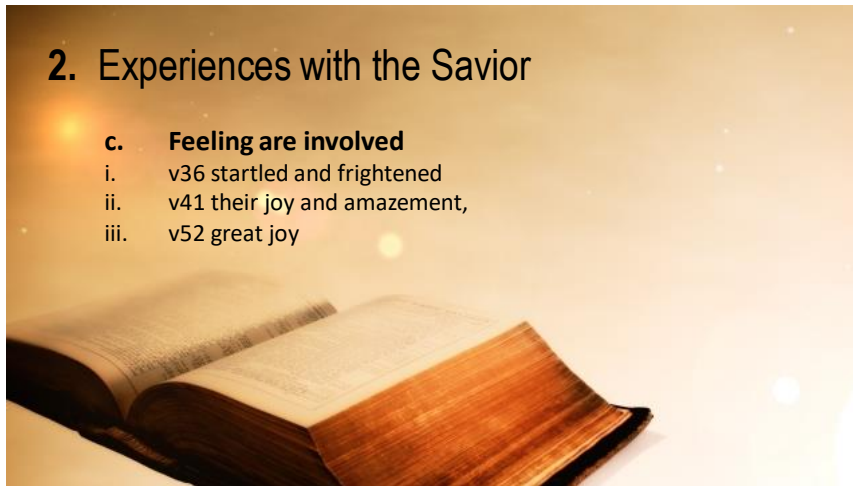
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 - ii. **V38 Auditory, v39 Visual, v 39 Kinesthetic**



2. Experiences with the Savior

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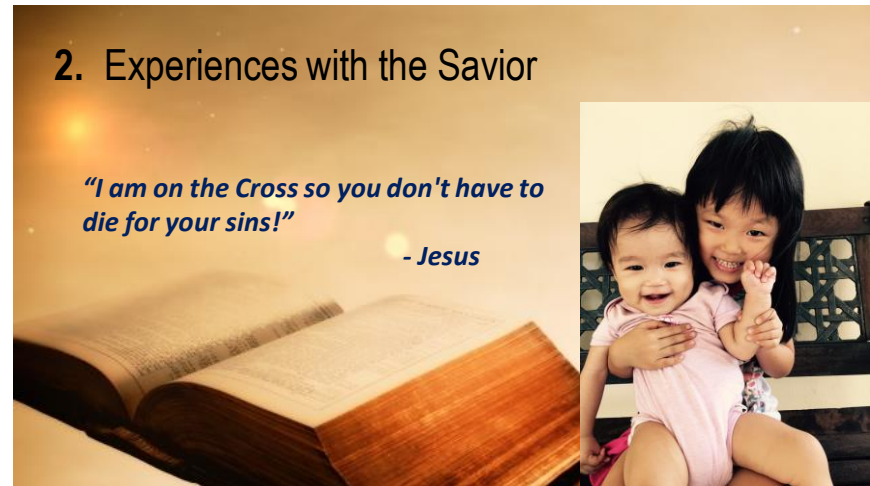
- i. v36 startled and frightened
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"I am on the Cross so you don't have to die for your sins!"

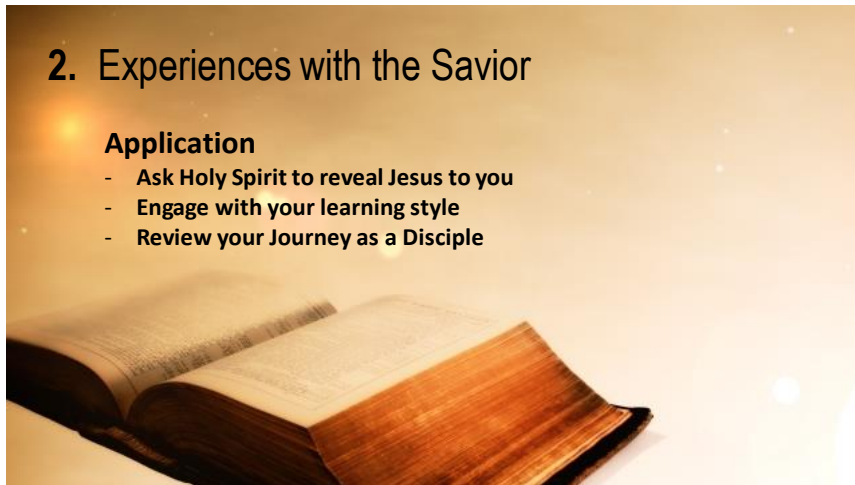
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- Engage with your learning style
- Review your Journey as a Disciple



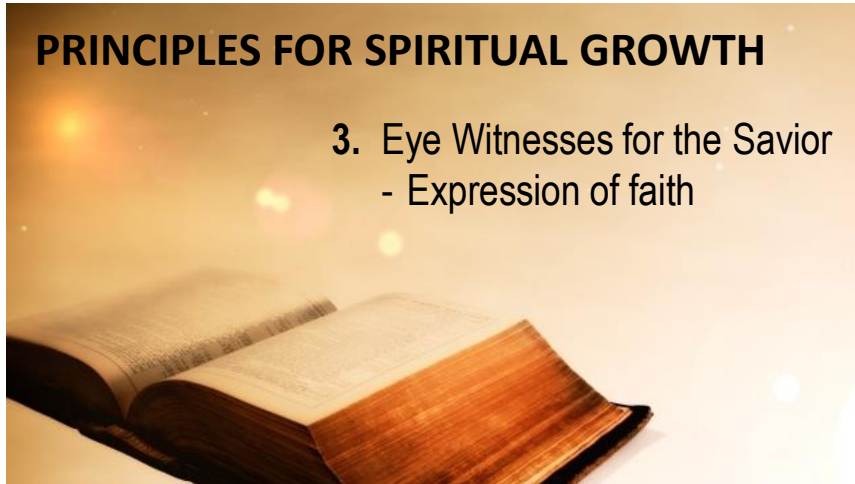
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3. Eye Witnesses for the Savior - Expression of faith



Luke 24:46-49

46 and He said to them, "Thus it is **written**, that the **Christ would suffer** and rise again from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 **You are witnesses of these things.** 49 And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Scripture

Savior



Reflection from Penn on receiving a bible from a Believer

"I've always said that I **don't respect** people who **don't proselytize** (**convert someone to your faith**). I **don't respect** that at all.

If you believe that there's a heaven and a hell, and people could be going to hell or not getting eternal life, and **you think that it's not really worth** telling them this because it would make **it socially awkward**

how much do you have to hate somebody to not proselytize?

How much do you have to hate somebody to believe everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?

"I mean, if I believed, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that a truck was coming at you, and you didn't believe that truck was bearing down on you, there is a certain point where I tackle you.

And this (proselytize) is more important than that."



3. Eye Witnesses for the Savior - Expression of faith

Application

- Pray for open doors.
- Bless, Fellowship, Meet felt needs, share
- Invite to events, etc



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4. Empowerment from the Spirit
 - Empowered for living

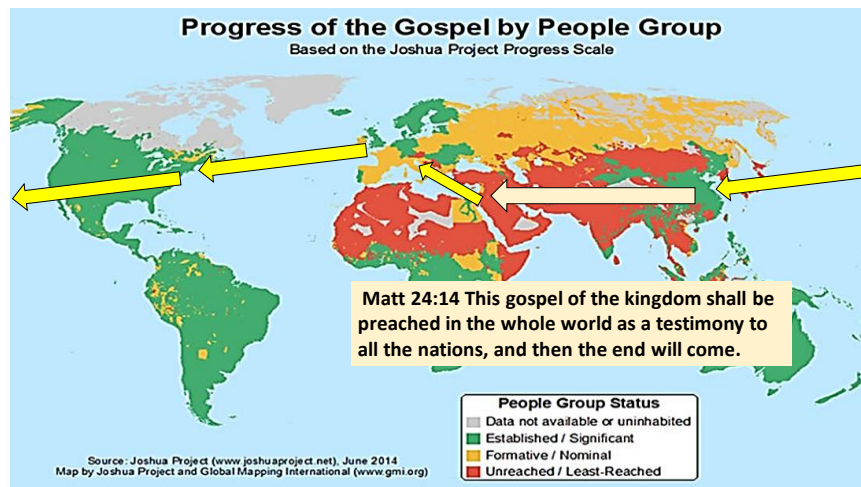
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Eph 5: 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,



The empowerment of the Spirit led to the spread of the gospel. Luke continued to write in Acts: 6 progress reports

1. Acts 1:1-6:7 = throughout Jerusalem
2. Acts 6:8-9:31 = Judea, Galilee, Samaria
3. Acts 9:32-12:24 Coastlands and Syria
4. Acts 12:25 – 16:5 Cyprus and Galatia
5. Acts 16:6-19:20 Macedonia, Achaia, Asia
6. Acts 19:21-28:31 Rome



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