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On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.”

Acts 1:4 (NIV)

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” **Luke 24:45-49 (NIV)**

WHAT DOES HE EMPOWER US TO DO?

1. HE EMPOWERS US TO BELIEVE.

And when he comes he will convict the world in regard to sin...because they do not believe in me... **John 16:8,9 (NABRE)**

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. **Acts 2:37-41 (NIV)**

2. HE EMPOWERS US TO CHANGE.

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, “This man also was with him.” But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” **Luke 22:54-57 (ESV)**

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.” **Acts 2:14 (NIV)**

3. HE EMPOWERS US TO SHARE.

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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. **Acts 2:22 (NIV)**

Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently... **Acts 2:29 (NIV)**

Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah. **Acts 2:36 (NIV)**

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” **Acts 2:40 (NIV)**

The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call. **Acts 2:39 (NIV)**

ONE KEY TAKEAWAY

From this message, what is the one key takeaway you will apply to grow your faith?