

## Write Your Next Chapter Of The Unfinished Book

000000000000000000

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Bulletin VCAT86

13 August 2025

"And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him" (Acts 28:30–31).

"Wherefore I put thee in remem-

which is in thee by the putting on of my hands" (2 Timothy 1:6).

and purpose. That fire must not die with the

brance that thou stir up the gift of God,

## **Introduction: The Unfinished Book**

Beloved, we have journeyed together through the mighty and miraculous book of Acts. We have walked with Peter through prison doors swung open by angels. We have witnessed Stephen's face shining like an angel as he became the first martyr. We have sailed with Paul through shipwrecks, trials, and triumphs.

We completed **Chapter 28**, the final chapter. And it ends—not with a grand conclusion—but with **Paul in a rented house**, **preaching the Gospel unhindered**. It ends not with a full stop, but with a comma—an open ending. Why? Because **the story is not over**.

The Acts of the Apostles is only the beginning. The Holy Ghost is not finished. The Church is not done. The mission has not been completed. The baton has been passed—not to another apostle—but to **you and me**. It is now your turn to write the its next chapter—chapter 29, with the acts of your life for Jesus Christ.

We are now living in "Acts 29" and the Church Continues Through Us"

#### 1. The Flame Must Not Go Out

"Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands" (2 Timothy 1:6)

Paul, in his final letters, charges Timothy to **stir up** the flame of God within him. Beloved, the early church was ablaze with power, passion,

first generation. It is our sacred duty to keep it burning.

The Holy Ghost did not retire in Acts 28. He did not resign in the first century. He is **alive**, He is **active**, and He is calling **this generation** to be bold, Spirit-filled, and obedient.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me..." (Acts 1:8).

We are not called to admire the early Church. We are called to **emulate it**—even to **surpass it** in obedience and faithfulness.

#### 2. The Church Must Not Be Silent

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14).

Paul was not the final voice. He was **a** voice. And the world needs to hear yours today.

The enemy wants the modern Church to be silent, domesticated, and entertained. But God is calling us to be **a prophetic voice**, speaking truth in a time of confusion, standing for right-eousness in a season of compromise.

Let the Church **not be an echo** of the world. Let us be **a trumpet**, sounding the alarm and heralding the coming of the King.

"For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

Victorious Christian Ministry, 145-149 Cardigan Road, Burley, Leeds LS6 1LJ Sunday Worship: 10.00 a.m. https://victoriouschristianministry.org



When the fire burns in your bones, silence is no longer an option.

# 3. The Mindset of Continuation: Boldness, Sacrifice, and Unity

If we are to continue the story, we must possess the same **mindset and qualities** of the early believers, including:

#### a. Boldness

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31).

We cannot afford a timid Christianity. The time calls for **bold witnesses**, unashamed of the Gospel.

#### b. Sacrifice

"But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy..." (Acts 20:24).

The early church gave up comfort, careers, possessions, even life itself for the sake of the Gospel. **What are we willing to surrender?** 

## c. Unity

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place" (Acts 2:1).

The Spirit moves most powerfully when we are united. Petty divisions, gossip, and self-interest must be crucified.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).

## 4. The Urgency of Now

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

There is no time to waste. The world is broken, the harvest is ripe, and the time is **now**.

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep..." (Romans 13:11).

Procrastination is not just delay—it is disobedience in slow motion. Many are content to "get ready," when God says, "Go now."

"Boast not thyself of to morrow; for

thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1).

The Church must be **urgent**, not complacent; **mobilised**, not mesmerised.

## 5. The Dangers of Procrastination

"Thou wicked and slothful servant..." (Matthew 25:26).

In the parable of the talents, the man who buried his gift was not condemned for doing evil, but for being busy doing nothing.

The danger of procrastination is not only that others may perish without the Gospel—but that **we** may stand before the Lord with empty hands.

"When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning... his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezekiel 3:18).

The cost of delay is eternal.

Conclusion: Write the Next Chapter Dearly beloved, Acts 28 was never meant to be the end. It is a doorway, a springboard, a divine invitation.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses... let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

The pen is now in **our hands**. Heaven is watching. Hell is trembling. The world is waiting.

Let us write the next chapter—with our lives, our lips, our love, and our sacrifice.
Let us be the generation that does not drop the torch, but carries the flame all the way to glory.

## Final Prayer

"Lord, stir in us the fire of the early Church. Give us boldness to speak, faith to stand, and urgency to act. May we be counted among those who turned the world upside down. Use us, O God, to write the next chapter with our acts. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen."

Victorious Christian Ministry, 145-149 Cardigan Road, Burley, Leeds LS6 1LJ Sunday Worship: 10.00 a.m. https://victoriouschristianministry.org