

INVINCIBLE *PROGRESS*

Our Study of Luke's Historical Account,
“The Acts of the Ascended King”

THE BOOK OF ACTS

The crucified, risen, and ascended King is *working* for the progress of the gospel thru simple preaching of prayerful disciples to whom God's Spirit is giving power.

This progress can't be stopped, not even by persecution on the outside or by problems on the inside.

THE BOOK OF ACTS

- The gospel advances in Jerusalem
(chapters 1-7)
- The gospel advances in Judea and Samaria
(chapters 8-12)
- The gospel advances to the ends of the earth
(chapters 13-28)

WHAT DOES
FAITHFUL
CHURCH MINISTRY
LOOK LIKE?

ACTS 20:17–38

Scripture Reading

MAIN POINT

I've been faithful.
You must be faithful.

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Paul taught...

1. the gospel of God's grace" (v. 24).
2. publicly and privately (v. 20).
3. people of every ethnicity (v. 21).
4. the necessity of repentant faith (v. 21).
5. all the tough truths (vv. 20, 27).
6. with warning (v. 31).
7. with tears (v. 31).

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Paul led...

1. by example (v. 18).
2. “with all humility” (v. 19).
3. “with tears” (v. 19).
4. with endurance (vv. 19, 22-23).
5. with contentment (vv. 33).
6. with hard work (vv. 34-35).
7. with generosity (v. 35).

CONCLUSION

1. Most churches are unchristian.
2. Church elders must be the first to respond to this message.
3. Every church member must respond as well.
4. Be thankful (especially this week) for faithful church ministry in your past.