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Commission and Anticipation

Acts 1:1-11

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1. Because of the *resurrection* of Jesus Christ, we can serve Him with confidence (1:1-3).

- After His resurrection, Jesus expected His followers to complete the work He began on earth.
- The apostles became the successors to Jesus' authoritative instruction after His resurrection.
- The resurrection of Jesus was a space-time historical event confirmed by His appearances to His followers.

2. Because of the *promise* of Jesus Christ, we can serve Him with power (1:4-5).

- Jesus commanded His followers to wait in Jerusalem to receive the promised Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit would soon empower Jesus' followers with power for serving Him.

3. Because of the *commission* of Jesus Christ, we can serve Him with purpose (1:6-8).

- God has a plan for this world, and He will accomplish that plan.
- Our role in God's plan for this world is to witness for Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Our witness for Jesus Christ must begin where we are and extend around the world.

4. Because of the *ascension* of Jesus Christ, we can serve Him with expectancy (1:9-11).

- Jesus ascended into heaven in a cloud of glory, signifying His divine nature.
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- Two angelic messengers reassured Jesus' followers that Jesus would return one day.
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- While we work, we are to watch; while we watch, we are to work.

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