

HIS  
PLAN  
OUR  
PURPOSE

# IS THERE MORE?

*Understanding the Storyline of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation*

THE STORIES OF **POWER, CHANGE + HEAVEN**

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# THE WHOLE STORY

Warren Wiersbe writes, “When He wrote the Bible, God didn’t give us a ponderous theology book divided into sections labeled God, Creation, Man, Sin, and so forth. Instead, He gave us a story, a narrative that begins in eternity past and ends in eternity future.”



## THE STORY OF **GRACE**

> *January*



## THE STORY OF **DELIVERANCE**

> *February*



## THE STORY OF **PROMISE**

> *March*



## THE STORY OF **FAITH**

> *April*



## THE STORY OF **RENEWAL**

> *May*



## THE STORY OF **PURPOSE**

> *June, July + August*



## THE STORY OF **CHRIST: IN HIS OWN WORDS**

> *August + September*

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## THE STORY OF **POWER**

> *October*



## THE STORY OF **CHANGE**

> *November*



## THE STORY OF **HEAVEN**

> *December*

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"YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER  
WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT  
COMES UPON YOU."

- JESUS

# THE STORY OF POWER

The book of Acts picks up where the gospels leave off, specifically the Gospel of Luke since Acts is written by him as well. Acts covers over 30 years of history. In it, Luke shows how the plans and purposes of God worked through history. In particular, how Jesus Christ faithfully and irresistibly built His church! <sup>1</sup> As Luke's second volume opens, the church does not exist; the Holy Spirit has not yet come to reside in Christ-followers; the apostles possess no power, no courage, no authority, no direction. However, by the last verse of the book, the church will span the Roman Empire from Jerusalem to Rome. <sup>2</sup> This is a book of history more than theology, providing insights into how the church began, the leaders evolved, challenges were overcome, and power was supplied by the Holy Spirit. It was time for Jesus to pass the baton of ministry to the disciples, ordinary men that would be called upon to do extraordinary things. Still, they would not be alone even though He was ascending into heaven.

The typical baton passed from one person to another could be described as a stick. However, the baton Jesus gave to His disciples, and us, was more like a stick of dynamite, literally. Jesus promised that these ordinary disciples would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them. The word for power in Greek is "dunamis," which is the root word "Nobel" used when naming an explosive stick; we call it dynamite. <sup>3</sup>

As we study the Story of Power in the pages of Acts, we will see the fulfillment of the Holy Spirit as promised by Jesus. It was power from heaven on earth in the lives of Christ-followers then and now. This life-changing power gives us the ability to be bold in the face of conflict, wise in the face of confusion, and confident in the face of chaos. The power of the Holy Spirit introduced in the historical book of Acts is the same explosive power that is indwelling in each and every believer; we need only to ignite the fuse.

Acts is about the activity of the Holy Spirit and the actions of the disciples in spreading the saving message of Jesus to the uttermost parts of the world, beginning in Jerusalem. Our focus in this study will be the first nine chapters as we discover the power of God lived out in the birth of the church.

Oct 3-4	The Power of the Holy Spirit - Acts 1
Oct 10-11	The Power of the Gospel - Acts 2
Oct 17-18	The Power to Stand - Acts 3-4
Oct 24-25	The Power of the Church - Acts 5
Oct 31 - Nov 1	The Power of Salvation - Acts 9

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<sup>1</sup> [www.soniclight.com/Acts](http://www.soniclight.com/Acts)

<sup>2</sup> Chuck Swindoll, *Swindoll's Living Insights New Testament Commentary, Acts*; Tyndale House Publishers, Carol Stream, IL, 2016; p.14.

<sup>3</sup> [www.yourdictionary.com](http://www.yourdictionary.com)