

# BOOK OF ACTS // WEEK 30

## *WHAT MATTERS MOST*

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### GROWING TOGETHER

Try this Ice-breaker game for some laughs and insight: Would You Rather...

- Would you rather...spend a year traveling the world or a year living in a remote cabin in the mountains?
  - Would you rather...have the ability to fly like a bird or breathe underwater like a fish?
  - Would you rather...live in a world without technology or a world without art and literature?
- and/or
- Ask each person to bring or show the group a photo that represents something meaningful to them or a memorable experience they've had. Then, go around the group and have each person share the story behind their photo. It's a great way to learn more about each other's lives and experiences.

### GROWING WITH GOD

Read [Acts 20:17-28](#), [Matthew 25:23](#), & [1 Corinthians 4:2](#) aloud and go over your sermon notes with one another. (Answer all or some of the questions)

The Message translation puts Acts 20:24 this way, "...What matters most to me is to finish what God started..." Paul was 100% certain of what he was supposed to do for the Kingdom. His was to spread the message of the Gospel to everyone, whether they were willing to hear it or not. That task may not be the task God has put on you to complete. Pastor Jason told us, "Your job isn't to save the world, fix the world, right all the wrongs, fix everyone in it, make sure everyone is happy, and make sure everything turns out perfectly." Many of us this weekend needed to hear that. And, like Pastor Jason said, you're carrying too much weight on your shoulders. You're not meant to bear that burden.

- **How is being spiritually faithful a victory when achieving worldly success is not?**
- **What has God called you to do that no one else can do?**
- **How certain are you of it?**
- **When are you supposed to do it?**

In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, it's easy to get caught up in our own concerns and forget the profound impact we can have on those around us. Yet, the following words serve as a reminder of our calling as believers to be intentional in our actions, always directing others towards the love

and grace of Jesus Christ. Christian Artist [Richard Mullins](#) wrote, “I’ve lived my life like an arrow pointing others to Jesus”. [Charles Spurgeon](#) wrote, “If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. If they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees. Let no one go there unwarned and unprayed for.”

- **Are you committed to sharing God’s Word and living your life like an “arrow pointing people to Jesus?”**
- **If you’re being honest with yourself, would you be proud that others might follow your example based on the way you live?**
- **What are some ways Christians can exemplify living for Jesus, serving as inspiring examples of His love, grace, and teachings in their daily lives?**

Pastor Jason told us during the sermon that what matters most is for us to stand in front of God and hear the words Jesus spoke in Matthew 25:23, “**Well done, good and faithful servant!**”. While those words were spoken in a stewarding context of money, the parable still applies in all areas of our everyday lives.

- **What do you think you would hear if you went to heaven today?**

## **GROWING IN OBEDIENCE & SCRIPTURE**

Here are insights Pastor Jason gave us to reflect on:

1. I am **faithful** to do what God called me to do. (Acts 20:18-19)
2. I am **committed** to sharing God’s word and pointing people to Jesus. (Acts 20:20 & 27)
3. I am **willing** to do the hard things if the Spirit of God leads me. (Acts 20:22-23)
4. I am **invested** in building God’s church. (Acts 20:28)
5. I am **living** a lifestyle of God-first generosity. (Acts 20:33-35)

### **Personal Spiritual Growth**

1. Daily Devotional Time: Commit to spending time each day in prayer and Bible reading, seeking to grow closer to Jesus and align your life with His teachings.
2. Regular Self-Reflection: Take time to regularly reflect on your own life and actions, asking yourself if you are truly living in a way that honors Jesus. Be open to conviction from the Holy Spirit and commit to making changes as needed to better align your life with His will.

### **Community Engagement and Service**

1. Service Project: Plan a service project as a group that reflects Jesus’ love and compassion for others. This could involve volunteering at a local shelter, organizing a community cleanup, or visiting residents at a nursing home.
2. Acts of Kindness: Look for opportunities to show love and kindness to others in your daily interactions. Whether it’s offering a listening ear, helping someone in need, or extending forgiveness, seek to reflect Jesus’ love in all you do.

## Accountability and Witnessing

1. Prayer and Accountability Partnerships: Encourage small group members to pair up as prayer and accountability partners. They can commit to praying for each other's spiritual growth and holding each other accountable in living out their faith.
2. Intentional Witnessing: Be intentional about sharing your faith with others and living as a positive example of Jesus' teachings. Look for opportunities to share the hope and joy you have found in Christ with those around you.

# GROWING IN PRAISE AND WORSHIP

This week's song list if you'd like to worship with your group as well as the book Pastor Jason referenced:

- [Holy Forever](#)
- [That's The Power](#)
- [No One](#)
- [Cornerstone](#)

Book - [Rich Mullins: An Arrow Pointing to Heaven](#)

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