

## OPEN YOUR SAILS

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) If you could go any place in the world for 10 days where would it be? Why?
- 2) Have there been times when you've taken down your sails? What things moved you to do that?
- 3) What place does faith play in keeping our sails open?
- 4) 2 Corinthians 4:13 "-- We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;". What does this scripture tell us about where our confidence to speak boldly comes from?
- 5) What is something you are willing to do to begin speaking boldly about the Gospel.

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### RECAP:

As Pastor Jake began his series on the book of "The Acts of the Apostles", he made...

#### A few opening statements about the Book.

- 1) It could more accurately be called "THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES BY THE HOLY GHOST"
- 2) It is the only Book of the Bible that doesn't have an ending.

### CHALLENGE TO THIS CHURCH :

What if all of us put our own names in the title of that Book. "THE ACTS OF \_\_\_\_\_ BY THE HOLY GHOST"

**"If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"**

Heb. 10:35-39 "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. (36) For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. (37) For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. (38) Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. (39) But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."

### The Hebrew Church was a "Book of Acts Church".

Heb. 6:1-5 "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying \_\_\_\_\_ the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, (2) Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. (3) And this will we do, if God permit.

(4) For it is impossible for those who were \_\_\_\_\_ enlightened, and have \_\_\_\_\_ of the heavenly gift, and were made \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Ghost, (5) And \_\_\_\_\_ tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, (6) If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance..."

Vs1- They \_\_\_\_\_ the principles of CHRISTIAN doctrine

Vs 4- Paul referred to them as those who were enlightened.

Vs 4- They had \_\_\_\_\_ the heavenly gift ( the Holy Spirit)

They were made partakers of the Holy Ghost

Vs 5- They had experienced \_\_\_\_\_ by the Word of God

They had experienced the \_\_\_\_\_ realms of heaven.

Vs 6- They were now being warned they could lose it all, (possibly) including their salvation if they didn't take action.

**This is the kind of Church that we are called to be.** An \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Ghost Church. Not just a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Holy Ghost church.

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g3954. παρρησία parrêsia; all out-spokenness, i.e. frankness, bluntness, publicity; by implication, assurance: — bold (x -ly, -ness, -ness of speech), confidence, x freely, x openly, x plainly(-ness).

AV (31) - boldness 8, confidence 6, openly 4, plainly 4, openly + g1722 2, boldly + g1722 1, misc 6;

\_\_\_\_\_ in speaking, unreservedness in speech openly, frankly, i.e without concealment without ambiguity or circumlocution without the use of figures and comparisons free and \_\_\_\_\_ confidence, cheerful courage, boldness, assurance, the deportment by which one becomes conspicuous or secures publicity

**...but if any man draw back...** (Giffith Thomas- Hebrews .pg 139)

- a. Literal meaning of draw back is "to take in the \_\_\_\_\_".
- b. ie... the winds of God and faith are moving and a person \_\_\_\_\_ "takes in his or her sail."
- c. Drawing back in the Christian life is sometimes due to:  
1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_  
but always to some form of 4) \_\_\_\_\_ either of God or

people.

d. Taking in the sails leaves the ship to the mercy of the \_\_\_\_\_ and eventual

\_\_\_\_\_  
e. **IT'S NEVER A GOOD IDEA! DON'T DO IT!**

## **THE GOOD NEWS!**

Heb. 10:39 " But **we are not of them who draw back** unto \_\_\_\_\_; but of them that \_\_\_\_\_ to the saving of the soul."

If \_\_\_\_\_ is "freedom in speaking, unreservedness in speech openly, frankly, i.e without concealment without ambiguity or circumlocution without the use of figures and comparisons free and fearless confidence, cheerful \_\_\_\_\_, boldness, assurance, the deportment by which one becomes \_\_\_\_\_ or secures publicity",

THEN "drawing back" and "taking in our sails" happens when we \_\_\_\_\_ boldly to people about the Gospel.

\_\_\_\_\_ IS THE SILENT KILLER of Christians.  
(3 demonic vows meant to eliminate the Church: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.)

\_\_\_\_\_ about the Gospel is the \_\_\_\_\_ for drawing back.

Heb. 10:35 Confidence can only be \_\_\_\_\_ away. It cannot be lost or stolen.

## **JUST ONE THING:**

BEGIN THIS WEEK TO FILL IN THE PAGES OF YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ BOOK OF ACTS BY HOISTING YOUR SPIRITUAL SAILS AGAIN TO THE WIND OF THE SPIRIT AND GO \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE SUPERNATURAL, HEAVENLY PLACES IN GOD. SAY \_\_\_\_\_, ANYTHING, \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE HOLY GHOST.