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PURSUIT BEYOND BORDERS

*"IT'S GOD'S STORY, BUT WE GET TO TELL IT"*

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They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. -Acts 2:42-47

Acts 3 - Peter heals a paralyzed beggar and preaches to the onlookers.

Acts 4 - Peter and John are put in prison and the believers gather together to pray.

Acts 5 - The church remains holy and faces more persecution.

Acts 6 - Stephen gets arrested and is placed on trial—All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.” -Acts 6:15

Then the high priest asked Stephen, “Are these charges true?” To this he replied: “Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Harran. ‘Leave your country and your people,’ God said, ‘and go to the land I will show you.’ “So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Harran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living. -Acts 7:1-4

**1. God makes his presence known not only to \_\_\_\_\_ but to all who know \_\_\_\_\_.**

He gave him no inheritance here, not even enough ground to set his foot on. But God promised him that he and his descendants after him would possess the land, even though at that time Abraham had no child. -Acts 7:5

**2. God's promise is not only for \_\_\_\_\_, but for all who know \_\_\_\_\_.**

God spoke to him in this way: 'For four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves,' God said, 'and afterward they will come out of that country and worship me in this place.' Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. And Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs. -Acts 7:6-8

**3. God's covenant with Abraham was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." -Jeremiah 31:31-34

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. Matthew 5:17

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. -Luke 22:20

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. -Matthew 26:27-28

**4. God's story is always worth \_\_\_\_\_.**