

Acts 1:1-3 (NLT)

[1] In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach [2] until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. [3] During the forty days after his crucifixion, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

Acts 1:4-6 (NLT)

[4] Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. [5] John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” [6] So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”

Acts 1:7-8 (NLT)

[7] He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. [8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

YOU - FOLLOW ME !

John 21:1-25



**→ Has anyone has ever
hurt you or seriously
disappointed you?**

→ Have you ever done something to hurt or seriously disappoint someone?

Matthew 26:31-35 (NIV)

Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: "'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' [32] But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." [33] **PETER** replied,

"Even if all fall away on account of you, I NEVER will." [34] "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." [35] But **PETER** declared, **"Even if I have to die with you, I will NEVER disown you."** And all the other disciples said the same.

→ Many times we Focus on
SERVING and DOING for God

...RATHER...

than **KNOWING and LOVING God**

→ **Serving** Jesus should **flow**
out of **KNOWING** and **LOVING**
the Lord

After Peter Had Denied the Lord he...

- **RECOGNIZED** his actions as Sin
- **REPENTED** of his words and actions
- **RETURNED** to follow Jesus

The Disciples had to....

- **LAY DOWN** their own plans and ideas
- **ACCEPT** God's Plan
- **FOLLOW** Him

Lessons Along the Way...

- **OUR** plans were Not always **GOD'S plans**
- **Shattered Dreams** are one way God Teaches us **Total Dependence**
- **WHERE** we **Serve** is Not as Important as **WHO** we **Serve**
- **SERVING** is **NO** substitute for **KNOWING** the Lord