

Encounters with God

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ACTS

Lesson #1 **Empowered to Witness**

Acts 1:4-3 Wait in Jerusalem for Holy Spirit
Acts 2:1-6, 14 Pentecost

Supplementary Scriptures:

Acts 4:27-31 Prayer for Boldness
Acts 6:8-12, 7:1-2, 54-60 Stephen
Acts 8:26-30 Philip
Acts 26:19-23 Paul witnesses to King Agrippa

Resources: Blackaby pp. 15-27 and Rodney's commentary and questions.

Lesson #2 **Empowered to Serve**

Acts 2: 46-47 Early Christians serve and give
Acts 4: 32-37 Sharing possessions

Supplementary Scriptures:

Acts 1: 21-26 Choosing Matthias
Acts 6: 1-7 Caring for widows
Acts 5: 1-11 Ananias and Sapphira

Resources: Blackaby pp. 30-39 and Rodney's commentary and questions.

Lesson #3 **Empowered to Heal**

Acts 3: 1-16 Lame man healed

Supplementary Scriptures:

Acts 9: 31-35 Peter heals Aeneas
Acts 28: 7-9 Paul heals Publius and people on island

Resources: Blackaby pp. 42-50 and Rodney's commentary and questions.

Lesson #4 **Empowered to Deliver from Evil**

Acts 19: 11-20 Evil spirits in Ephesus

Supplementary Scriptures:

Acts: 13: 6-12	False prophet at Paphos
Acts 16: 16-18	Slave girl possessed
Leviticus 19: 31 and 20: 6	Moses and witchcraft

Resources: Blackaby pp. 52-60 and Rodney’s commentary and questions.

Lesson #5 **Empowered to Hurdle Man-Made Barriers**

Acts 10: 9-23, 28 Cornelius

Supplementary Scriptures

Acts 11: 1-4, 18	Peter teaches Jews in Judea
Acts 13: 46-48	Paul and Barnabas turn to the Gentiles
Acts 16: 6-10	“Come over to Macedonia”

Resources: Blackaby pp. 62-70 and Rodney’s commentary and questions.

Lesson #6 **Empowered to Overcome Death**

Acts 9: 36-42 “Tabitha arise”

Supplementary Scriptures

Acts 27: 33-44, 39, 42-44	Paul shipwrecked
Acts 28: 1-6	Paul at Malta

Resources: Blackaby pp. 72-79 and Rodney’s commentary and questions.

Lesson #7 **Empowered to Endure and Endure**

Acts 16: 20-34 Paul and Silas in prison

Supplementary Scriptures

Matthew 10: 16-18, 21-23	Endure to the End
Acts 12: 1-12, 17-19	Peter freed by an angel

Resources: Blackaby pp. 82-91 and Rodney’s commentary and questions.

Lesson #8 **Empowered to Extend Grace**

Acts 15: 1-35 Council in Jerusalem

Supplementary Scriptures:

Galatians 2: 15-21 Man is justified by faith in Jesus
Ephesians 2: 4-9 By grace you have been saved
Titus 3: 4-7 Our Savior saved us by His mercy
Hebrews 12: 15 Grace of God

Resources: Rodney's commentary and questions.

Lesson #9 **Empowered to Preach**

Acts 17 Paul preaches Jesus in Thessalonica, Berea, & Athens.
Acts 18 Paul preaches in Corinth a year and a half, then returns to
 Antioch.

Supplementary Scriptures:

Isaiah 42: 6-10 A light to the nations
Isaiah 52: 7 Messenger who brings good news
Romans 10: 14-18 Faith comes by hearing
2 Timothy 4: 2-3 Proclaim the message

Resources: Rodney's commentary and questions.

Lesson #10 **Empowered to Walk in the Spirit**

Acts 19 Paul in Ephesus and the Sons of Sceva
Acts 20 Paul's visits to Macedonia, Greece, and Troas
 Paul's farewell to the Ephesian elders

Supplementary Scriptures:

Deuteronomy 18: 9-14 God forbids demonic activities
II Corinthians 1: 3-11 Paul's sufferings in Asia
Romans 5: 8-19 Reconciled to God by the death of His Son
Ephesians 6: 10-20 Paul's writing to the church in Ephesus

Resources: Rodney's commentary and questions

Lesson #11

Empowered to Boldness

Acts 28: 17-31

Paul preaches to Jewish leaders in Rome.

Supplementary Scriptures:

Acts 4: 17-20

Acts 4: 27-34

Acts 5: 27-32

Acts 13: 44-46

II Corinthians 3:12

Questions:

Why did Paul usually go to the Jews when he first entered a town on his journey?

What was his response when they refused to believe his teachings?

What enabled the people in the New Testament to respond with such boldness?

Why do you think Paul was so eager to meet with the Jews in Rome?

Resources: Rodney's commentary and additional questions.