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‘... only take a bath if absolutely necessary  
and use no more than 5 inches of water’



A close-up photograph of a person's hands lighting a sparkler. The sparkler is in the center, with bright orange and yellow sparks erupting from its tip. The background is dark and out of focus, with some bokeh light spots. Overlaid on the image is the word 'Acts' in a large, white, cursive script font. Below it, the word 'series' is written in a smaller, white, cursive script font.

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1. What is the  
apostles teaching?









Acts 15:26

**our dear friends  
Barnabas and Paul –  
men who have  
risked their lives for  
the name of our  
Lord Jesus Christ**





## **ACTS 14:8-20**

<sup>8</sup> In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. <sup>9</sup> He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed <sup>10</sup> and called out, 'Stand up on your feet!' At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

<sup>11</sup> When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, 'The gods have come down to us in human form!' <sup>12</sup> Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup> The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

<sup>14</sup> But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting:

<sup>15</sup> ‘Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them...’

<sup>18</sup> Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

<sup>19</sup> Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. <sup>20</sup> But after the disciples had gathered round him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.







*How can we get this  
important  
teaching?*

A photograph of a sandy beach with the ocean in the background. Six wooden blocks are arranged in a row on the sand, spelling out the word 'sunday'. The blocks are light brown with black letters. A shadow is cast by the blocks onto the sand. The ocean is a light blue color, and the sky is a pale blue.

sunday

*matters*



freedom











2. *Devoted*







read  
listen  
digest  
apply



**Hebrews 10:** <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, ....  
<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> **not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing,** but encouraging one another...





# Sundays matter



not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing  
Hebrews 10:25

*Luke writes*



**Acts 20**<sup>7</sup> On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. <sup>8</sup> There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting. <sup>9</sup> Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead. <sup>10</sup> Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “He’s alive!” <sup>11</sup> Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. <sup>12</sup> The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.

Jesus



## Matthew 7

<sup>24</sup> “... everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

<sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

<sup>28</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his **teaching**,

<sup>29</sup> because he taught as one who had authority,



*Devoted*





*Devoted to the apostles teaching*

