



**Looking back on 2020...**

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**Therefore, as God's chosen people,  
holy and dearly loved, clothe  
yourselves with compassion, kindness,  
humility, gentleness and patience.**

***Colossians 3:12***

Looking back on 2020...

I am chosen

I am holy

I am dearly loved





breathe

A photograph of three women smiling and holding mugs. The woman in the center is holding a pink mug with a grey band that says "breathe". The woman on the left is holding a white mug with "soul mate" written on it. The woman on the right is holding a blue mug. A dark blue text box is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**Psalm 91:1**

“Whoever dwells in  
the shelter of the  
Most High will rest  
in the shadow of  
the Almighty.”



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HOL  
EARLY

Seoul  
Mates



**Looking back on 2020...**

**God has me  
in His hands.**

**Looking back on 2020...**

**You are way maker, miracle worker,  
promise keeper, light in the darkness.**

**My God, that is who You are.**

**Even when I don't see it, You're working.**

**Even when I don't feel it, you're working.**

**You never stop, you never stop working.**

God has this world in  
His hands. And has a  
plan to Bless this world.  
working through us.

# Genesis 12:2-3

“I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.  
I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.”

# Matthew 28:18-20

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

The Book of Acts is  
where this plan begins  
to take shape.

# Acts 1:6-8

“[The disciples] gathered around Jesus and asked Him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight.

# Acts 1-7

Thousands of people  
in Jerusalem put their  
faith in Jesus Christ.

*...Satan wan't too happy.*



**Acts 6:8-14**

~ Stephen arrested

**Acts 7:1-53**

~ Stephen preaches

**Acts 7:54-60**

~ Stephen killed by Saul

## Acts 8:1-3

“On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.”

**We must never mistake  
God's silence for His  
absence.**

**Even when I don't see it, You're working.  
Even when I don't feel it, you're working.  
You never stop, you never stop working.**

# Acts 9



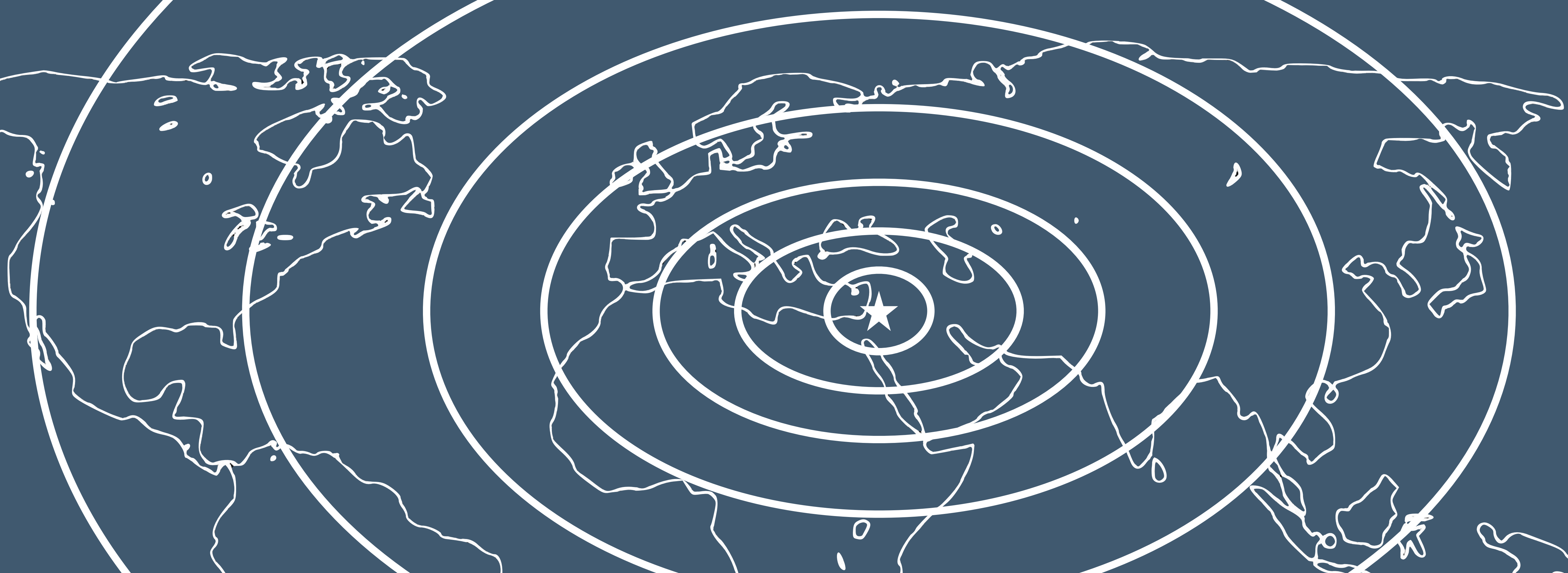
# Acts 9:13-15

“Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings...”

# Acts 13-14

Saul (whose Christian name becomes Paul) is joined by a man named Barnabas —and they launch out on their first missionary journey. And so begins the spread of the Gospel to every nation on earth, a work that is still ongoing TODAY.



**God is doing something in this world that will not be stopped.**

**3 Things to Remember  
as we make our way  
through Acts 15-18**



# 1. These are stories that make sense.

Each of us, in our own lives, are trying to tell a story that makes sense. The story of the Book of Acts shows us that behind what happens there is an active presence (God!) who gives coherence and meaning to the story.

1. These are stories that  
make sense.

God is not just a character IN the story;  
rather, God is the AUTHOR who makes  
the story possible and whose nature  
and purposes are revealed as  
the story unfolds.

2. These stories in Acts not only show the nature of God. They also reveal the promise of God to give us a new heaven and a new earth.

This world is not all there is.  
There is **FAR MORE** in store  
for God's children.  
We're not home yet.

The God of the Book of Acts is a God of promise who can be depended on to be faithful to His promises. The stories in the Book of Acts aren't just a historical description of what was— but an exciting picture of what WILL BE.

**We live in a world where  
God is busy making good  
on His promises.  
Today. Right now.**

3. The Book of Acts, like the rest of Scripture, has as its purpose the formation and equipping of disciples.

Jesus came calling people  
to a new way of living—  
and a new way of dying.



Like any good story, Acts  
reveals an adventure—  
and gives clues as to how  
ordinary people like you and  
me can make an eternal  
difference in this life.

# Acts 15-18



**The Trip  
That Changed  
the World**

Acts 1:8

***You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”***

**We are in the story. Today. Right now.**