Acts.

“Aslan is on the move.”

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THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

The Gospel is on the move...

- INTO THEIR HEADS (19:1-10)
- INTO THEIR HEARTS (19:11-22)
- INTO THEIR CITY (19:23-41)

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus.

ACTS 19:1 NIV

Ephesus

- Major port city
- Capital of Roman provice in Asia
- 250,000+ residents
- Home to the Temple of Artemis

The Gospel is on the move into their heads.

→ FAITHFUL

→ EXPECTANT

→ INCOMPLETE DOCTRINE

There he found some disciples [2] and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

[3] So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?”

“John’s baptism,” they replied.

[4] Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of **repentance.** He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” [5] On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. [6] When Paul placed his hands on them, **the Holy Spirit came on them,** and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. [7] There were about twelve men in all.

ACTS 19:1B-7 NIV

The Gospel is on the move into their heads.

→ PERSUASIVE PREACHING

→ DEEP DISCIPLESHIP

→ COMPLETE PREVALENCE

Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, **arguing persuasively** about the kingdom of God. [9] But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way.

So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had **discussions daily** in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. [10] This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.

ACTS 19:8-10 NIV

The Gospel is on the move into their hearts.

→ EXTRAORDINARY POWER OF GOD

→ RELIGIOUS EXPLOITATION

→ COUNTERFEIT MINISTRY

God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, [12] so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

[13] Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, “In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.” [14] Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. [15] One day the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?” [16] Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.

ACTS 19:11-16 NIV

When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, **and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor.** [18] Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed what they had done. [19] A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. [20] **In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.**

ACTS 19:17-20 NIV

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“...and the name of the Lord Jesus was **held** in high honor.”

“In this way the word of the Lord **spread** widely and **grew** in power.”

Right Doctrine

“...so that all who lived in the province of Asia **heard** the word of the Lord”

True Devotion

“...and the name of the Lord Jesus was **held** in high honor.”

City Reached

“In this way the word of the Lord **spread** widely and **grew** in power.”

The Gospel is on the move into their city.

→ LOSS OF IDOL TRADE

→ ARTEMIS DISCREDITED

→ A RIOT

About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way.
24 A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of
Artemis, brought in a lot of business for the craftsmen there. 25 He
called them together, along with the workers in related trades, and
said: “You know, my friends, that we receive a good income from
this business. 26 And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has
convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus
and in practically the whole province of Asia. **He says that gods
made by human hands are no gods at all.** 27 There is danger not
only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple
of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited; and the goddess
herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the
world, will be robbed of her divine majesty.”

ACTS 19:23-27 NIV

“About that time there arose a great disturbance about the way.”

ACTS 19:23 NIV

The Gospel is on the move and led to true devotion.

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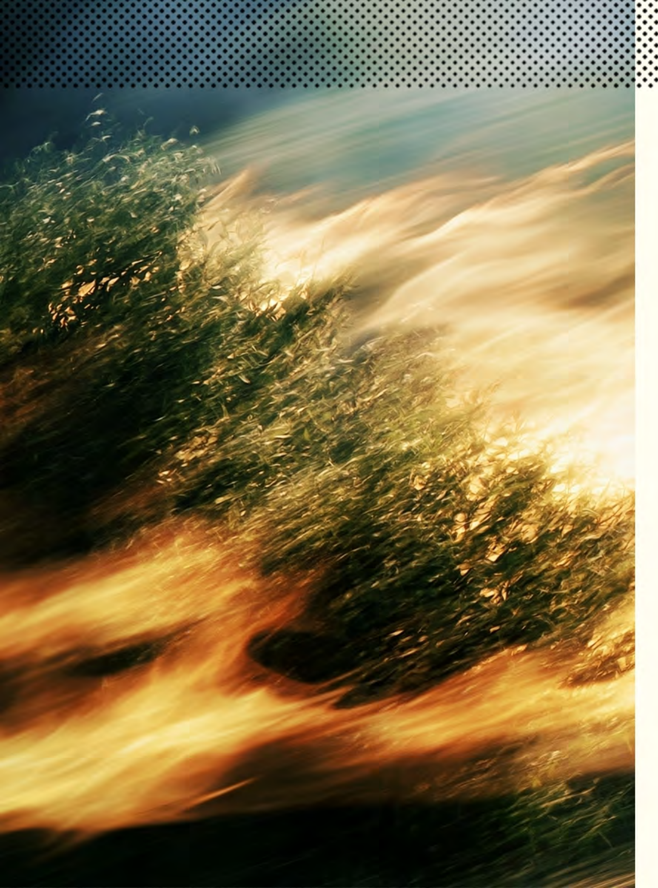
ACTS 19:17-20 NIV



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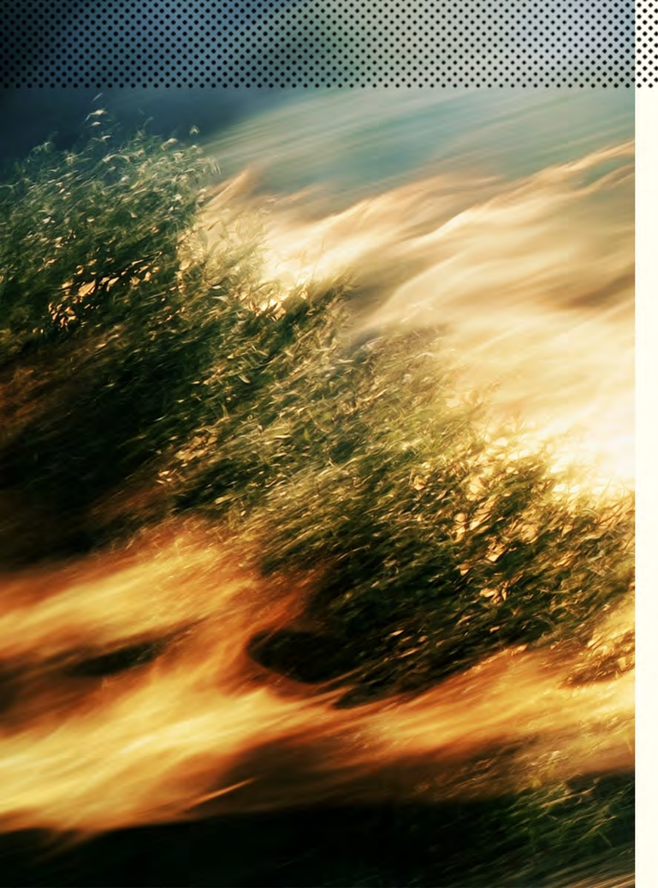

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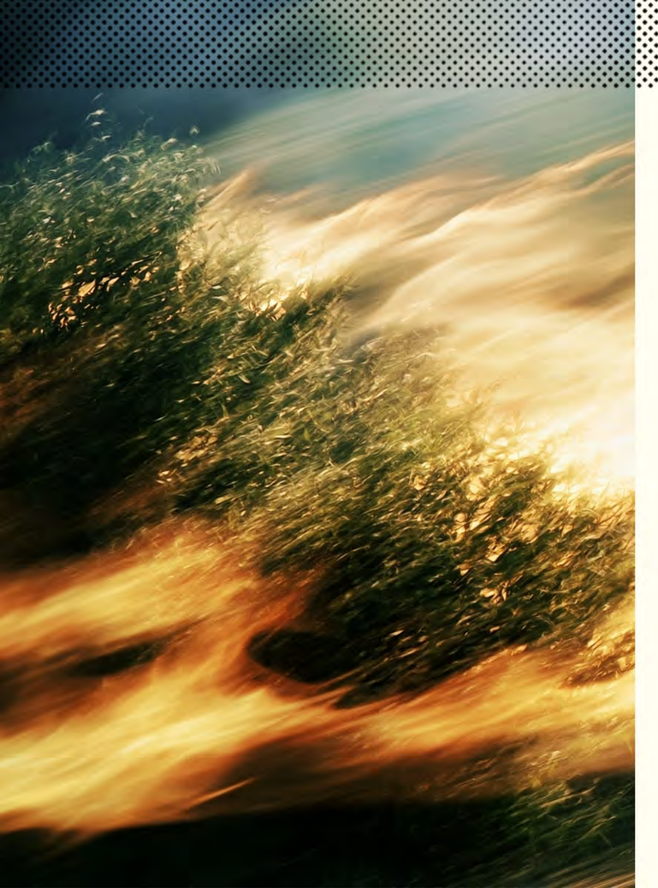

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in
the Lord. Live as children of light [9] (for the fruit of the
light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)
[10] and find out what pleases the Lord. [11] Have nothing to
do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather
expose them. [12] It is shameful even to mention what
the disobedient do in secret. [13] But everything exposed
by the light becomes visible—and everything that is
illuminated becomes a light.

EPHESIANS 5:8-14 NIV

[14] This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”