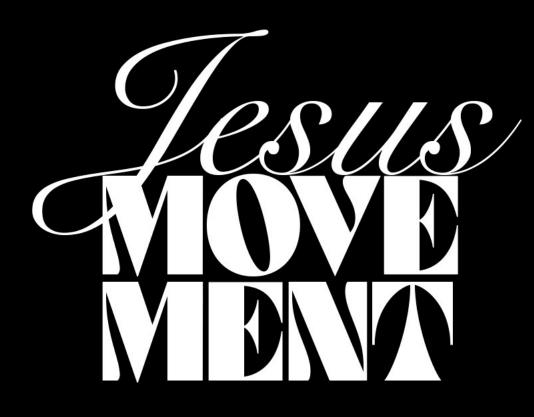
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In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,

ACTS 1:1 ESV

There is more: when we are wholly His.

ACTS 1:1-7; LUKE 24:40-49;

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-13; MATTHEW 24:36 ESV

This new face of American philanthropy is distinguished by an unprecedented level of competition for the charitable dollar. For well over 90 percent of all Christian congregations...this means they will not be able to compete.

— Lyle Schaller

Until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

ACTS 1:2-4 ESV 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me;"

ACTS 1:2-4 ESV And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate before them.

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ

should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.

49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Volume one of Luke's work explains how the truth of God became flesh, how the good news became incarnate. Volume two demonstrates how, after Jesus physically departed the earth, the truth of God remained among flesh. He sent His Spirit to indwell His people. The good news of "God with us" continues with people who incarnate His message and are enabled by His power.

— Charles Swindoll

"For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

ACTS 1:5 ESV

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-13 ESV

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So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority."

ACTS 1:6-7 **ESV** "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only."

MATTHEW 24:36 ESV

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

ACTS 1:8 ESV

There is more: when we are **empowered** by the **Holy Spirit** for Jesus' mission.

ACTS 1:8 ESV

Keys to Jesus' mission for His Church:

- Power through the Holy Spirit
- Dependent followers as Gospel witnesses
- Focused <u>missional expansion</u>

5 Subtle shifts that sabotage evangelism and discipleship:

Subtle Shift #1: From Disciples to Decisions

Subtle Shift #2: From Obedience to Doctrine

Subtle Shift #3: From Persuasion to Warfare

Subtle Shift #4: From People to Numbers

Subtle Shift #5: From Jesus to Justice

Larry Osborne

And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand

ACTS 1:9-11 ESV looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

ACTS 1:9-11 ESV If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.

— C.S. Lewis

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew,

James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. 14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. 15 In those days Peter stood up among the brothers

(the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, 16 "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. 17 For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this

ministry." 18 (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

20 "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.' 21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until

the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." 23 And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have

chosen 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

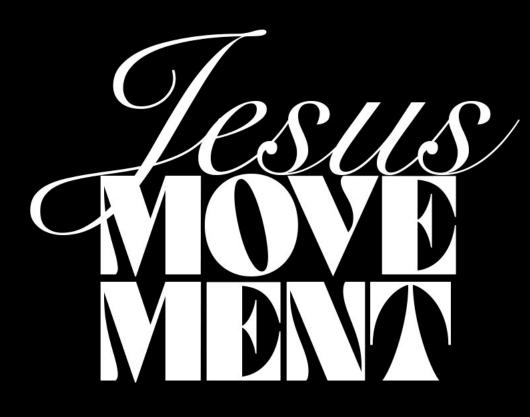
There is more: when we stop **trying** and start **trusting** God and one another.

ACTS 1:9-26 ESV

NEXT STEP QUESTIONS

- What did you need to turn over to Jesus today to be wholly His?
 - 2 Are you living on mission and empowered by the Holy Spirit?
- What do you need to trust God or others with right now?

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