

# **Unstoppable: Christ Builds His Church**

**Matthew 16:18; Acts 20:24;  
John 15:13**

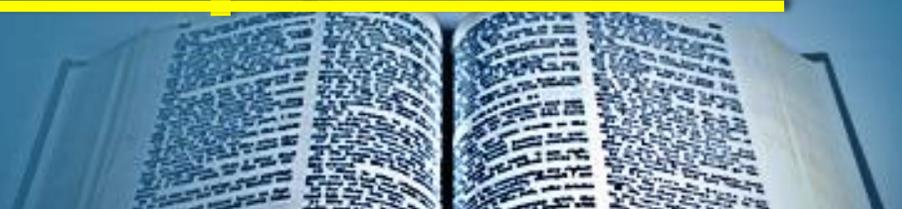
**...And It Costs Something**



# Opening Scripture

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus said to him, **"Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it."**

Matthew 16:16-18 (NASB)



# Spirit Empowered Beginnings

**8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth."**

**Acts 1:8 (NASB)**



# **Spirit Empowered Beginnings**

**4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with different tongues, as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out.**

**Acts 2:4 (NASB)**



# **Bold Proclamation Despite Opposition**

**19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, make your own judgment; 20 for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."**

**Acts 4:19-20 (NASB)**



# **A Learning, Praying, Giving Community**

**42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.**

**Acts 2:42 (NASB)**



# Crossing Boundaries

**34 Opening his mouth, Peter said:**

**“I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, 35 but in every nation the one who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him.**

**Acts 10:34-35 (NASB)**



# Gospel Advance Through Hardship

**25 Now about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them;**

**Acts 16:25 (NASB)**



**Shepherds Who Guard And Feed**  
**28 Be on guard for yourselves**  
**and for all the flock, among**  
**which the Holy Spirit has made**  
**you overseers, to shepherd the**  
**church of God which He**  
**purchased with His own blood.**

**Acts 20:28 (NASB)**



# The Story Is Still Being Written

**31 preaching the kingdom of God and teaching things about the Lord Jesus Christ with all opennness, unhindered.**

**Acts 28:31 (NASB)**



**CHARLIE KIRK -**

**THEN AND NOW PARALLELS**



# Declaring Jesus As Lord

**Charlie Kirk: "Jesus saved my life. I'm a sinner. Gave my life to Christ - most important decision I ever made."**



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**Peter (Acts 2:36): "God has made Him both Lord and Christ - this Jesus whom you crucified."**



# Proclaiming The Resurrection

Charlie Kirk: “Jesus defeated death so you can live.”

Paul (Acts 13:30–31): “But God raised Him from the dead...”



# Defending the Gospel Publicly

Charlie Kirk: “Jesus Christ was God in human flesh... He lived a perfect life, He was crucified, died and rose on the third day, and He is Lord and God over all.”



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**Stephen (Acts 7:56): “Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”**



# Speaking the Truth in Love

Charlie Kirk: "I'm nothing without Jesus. I'm a sinner... Everything I do incorporates Jesus Christ."



# Speaking The Truth In Love

**Paul (Acts 20:20-21):**

**“...declaring... repentance  
toward God and faith in our Lord  
Jesus Christ.”**



# Courage in the Face of Death

Charlie Kirk: "I want to be remembered for courage for my faith. That would be the most important thing."



# Courage in the Face of Death

Paul (Acts 21:13): “I am ready... to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”



# The Challenge

**Spend your life for  
Christ -**

**because He spent His  
life for you.**



# Isaiah's Response To God's Call

**8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"**

**Isaiah 6:8 (NASB)**



# Closing Prayer

**“Lord Jesus, my life is Yours.**

**Use me for Your glory.**

**Give me courage to speak the truth  
in love, no matter the cost.”**

