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Thrive!

Week 3—With the World

Day 19—January 24, 2019

Outreach Thrives

So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

Acts 1:6-11

Gracious God, you are holy, mighty, sovereign, and merciful. We thank you for your deep love, for your grace and peace that you pour into us, for your healing and strength that sustain us amid life’s pressures—for the joy you bring to our hearts. Thank you for wanting to walk in relationship with us; we know you want that for every person on earth, including those who have never known your name, your Word, or your love.

Lord, forgive us for allowing busyness, insecurity, self-focus, or worries to keep us from noticing others and reaching out. Often, we want to know the outcome first and stay in comfort zones—waiting, watching. Please help us trust your plans and timing, to move forward in faith, filled with your peace, shining your light, as we introduce others to your love.

Lord, thank you for empowering us with your Holy Spirit who lives within us and guides us. Please open our eyes, compel us, and give us words to share your beautiful story in our lives—how we have seen and experienced your forgiveness, love, promises, healing, and peace—so that our families, neighborhoods, workplaces/schools, country, and world may know you. In Jesus’ name, amen.

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