



Unleashed: A Promise-Based Life
(Acts 1:4-11)

Main Idea: Promised-based living frees you from misguided life

Discuss

1. What insight, observation, or principal from this sermon did you find to be most helpful, insightful or troubling? Explain ...
2. Live by the promise of His authority
 - God has supreme authority over all things, but it is up to us to choose to align our lives with His authority. Think about the different areas of your life and the roles that you play. Are any of these areas out of alignment?
 - It can feel frightening to accept a new authority. Is there an area of your life, inward or outward, that God is trying to bring into alignment with His authority? Are you now or have you ever resisted His authority?
 - Perhaps the most enticing authority is that of “self.” It is easy to convince ourselves that we are able to control a situation or affect change in others. Was there a time in your life when you relinquished your personal authority to God? How did that situation work out?
3. Live by the promise of His Power
 - What does it mean to receive power from the Holy Spirit? What did it mean for the 1st century apostles? What does it mean for you in your life?
 - Rarely does God reveal the entirety of His plans to us. When God asks for a step of obedience what can you do to ensure you are responding in His power and not your own?
4. Live by the promise of your Purpose
 - If you wrote a purpose statement for your life, what would it say? If God wrote a purpose statement for your life, would it differ from yours? How can you align your purpose to God’s?
 - What would the apostles have said was their purpose? Would it have changed over the course of Jesus’ life and death?
 - How does our own heavenly purpose change over the course of our lives?
5. Live by the promise of His return
 - When the apostles ask about Jesus’s return, he tells them that it is not for them to know ... that it is “God’s business.” Have you ever wanted to know when He would return? Why do you think He chooses not to tell us?
 - What would you change or do different if you knew Jesus would return in a week? A month? A year? What is stopping you from doing it right now?

Live it Out

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find me, when you search for Me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:11-13

- Perfect alignment with God’s will for our lives is not an end point, it is a constant process of adjustments. Prayerfully ask God to reveal to you an area of your life that is not in alignment with His authority, and ask Him to divinely realign you.
- Be honest with yourself and with others. Create accountability by confessing to another an area where you need help keeping in line with God. (Proverbs 27:17)
- Ask God for the opportunity to tell someone about Jesus. Allow the Holy Spirit to “power” your conversation.