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Acts 14:8-23
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Show and Tell

Thank you, Larry, for the opportunity to be here and to share with my home church. Sandy and I have been part of Golden Hills for getting close to 13 years now. You don't see us much now, and you probably didn't see us much when we were here either, but it's always good to be back home. It's an honor to be sharing with you today.

I want to share just little bit about Show and Tell. Last week was Go Sunday. This I guess we could call it Show and Tell Sunday. I know you didn't bring anything. You're probably not prepared for a Show and Tell service, but let's go through it and see if God might show us something and tell us a little bit more about how we fit into God's big game plan.

I'd like you to go with me somewhere for just a moment. If you can imagine a sunny, summer afternoon with a baseball field before you, and some tee ball baseball players scattered around the field. Got that in your mind? Then I'd like you to hone in on one of the players. This is the player that happens to be standing in centerfield. A half-size player, baggy trousers, glove almost as big as he is, cap kinda cockeyed, and he's out there through the game sometimes facing home plate sometimes facing wherever. But as you focus on this little centerfielder, you notice that he is busy about something. Every now and then he drops his glove and walks over and picks a dandelion. If you watch him long enough you notice that he'll pick a dandelion; the first one he'll put in his left back pocket. The next one he'll put in his other back, and so he goes back and forth. He's playing centerfield but picking dandelions.

Would you agree with me on this, that if anybody is in the outfield in a baseball game picking dandelions, they probably don't really understand the bigger picture. They don't really understand why they are there. They don't understand why they put on the uniform, why they showed up at game time, and what it's all about. Some of you might be saying, "Well, hey, he had the right idea." He actually had the better idea because baseball's kinda boring. So what he was doing was more interesting, but there was a game plan. This little guy maybe didn't quite catch on to it.

What I want to talk to you today about is those of us in life who are picking dandelions. You see I would suggest to you that God has a master game plan. He invites us to be part of that game plan, but honestly a lot of us are -- even some of us who are wearing the uniform -- we're probably caught up in picking dandelions.

Today, I want to kinda go through a story with you that's taken out of the book of Acts. Now, I think the book of Acts captures in so many ways the big game plan that God has for us on earth; probably the best way I can just tell the big picture of what the game plan is or how it was being played out at during that time in history. It acts as a historical book.

It was written and covers probably the span from about 33 A.D. to mid-60s A.D., so it's about a 30 year span. During that it recounts kinda how some of the story unfolds of the Christian church and the Christian movement. If you understand Acts starts in 33 A.D., it

starts with Jesus in Jerusalem surrounded by 12, really 120 or so disciples in all if we little further in Acts Chapter 1, so about 120 followers of Jesus. His influence scattered probably as far as maybe the nation of Israel, which is kind of a postage stamp location in the globe. It's a small spot, but it's a significant spot.

At the beginning of Acts there are zero church. No churches. The church has not even come on the scene yet, so zero churches. That's how Acts Chapter 1 begins. When you get to Acts Chapter 28, which is the end of that book, the end of the 30 some years that that book spans, it's interesting. Jesus, who was originally in Jerusalem, is now at the right hand of the Father. He's off the earthly scene, but he's in heaven with the Father. There are now more than the 120 disciples that they started with. Now there are literally hundreds of thousands of followers of Jesus. These are no longer just a Jewish band of people. It's now a multinational, multicultural movement. Instead of having zero churches, now there are literally hundreds of churches now spanning not just that postage stamp spot of Israel, but scattered throughout the Roman Empire and even touching into Asia and Africa.

In a span of 30 years, God's big game plan was to get out a message and have people respond to that message. I'm here to tell you today that God continues to have that big game plan, and that we, as those who follow Jesus -- those of us who are disciples of Jesus -- we have been invited to be part of this game plan just as much as those who were recorded in the book of Acts. There's things we're supposed to be about, and we can get in the game.

Today we want to answer three questions. Here are the three questions I want to answer today if we understand God's big game plan. The first question I'd like to answer today is, what is our part in God's big game plan -- what is my part in God's big game plan?

Second question I want to ask and answer is, if we're in the game, what kind of outcome are we gonna have? Are we gonna have a Detroit Tigers kind of outcome or are we gonna have a San Francisco Giants kind of outcome? What's gonna be the outcome if we're part of this game plan?

The third question I hope we get to it is, what kind of help is there along the way? If we're in this game plan, what kind of help can we expect from whatever source to work out this game plan?

Turn with me to Acts Chapter 14. That's where we're gonna pick up, right in the middle of this big story. I told you how it began and how it ended. Well, we're gonna start right smack in the middle of Acts, Acts Chapter 14, and we're gonna focus on a story that begins in verse 8. I want to back up to verse 1 and start there. Are you there? Acts Chapter 14. We're start reading in verse 1. By the way, I love this moment in every church service. It's at the moment when we're expecting to hear from God. It kinda reminds me of walking into a Krispy Kreme donut shop. You know what I mean? The smells come on. You know something good is about to happen. You know something's good about to happen when you walk into a Krispy Kreme donut shop, and you know something is about to happen when God's people open the Word and say, "Speak to me, God." What does God have to say to us? Acts, Chapter 14 verse 1 we read:

At Iconium –

Boy, where's that? The cities we're gonna be talking about today are all found in what is modern day Turkey. They are villages and valleys and some small cities in modern day Turkey. So if you want a geographical point, it's not quite Jerusalem and it's not quite Rome. It's partway between, but the gospel is spread from Acts Chapter 1 to Acts Chapter 14 to this part of what is modern day Turkey.

At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Gentiles believed.² But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers.³ So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace –

“Who confirmed the message.” The game plan is about expressing a message.

³ So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to do miraculous signs and wonders.⁴ The people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews, others with the apostles.⁵ There was a plot afoot among the Gentiles and Jews, together with their leaders, to mistreat them and stone them.⁶ But they (that's Paul and Barnabas) found out about it and fled to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe and to the surrounding country,⁷ where they continued to preach the good news.

They have a message. It's part of the big game plan. The good news. Now picking up with verse 8, and this is where I want to focus today on verses 8-23. The story starts this way in this segment. Having fled from Iconium they are now in Lystra:

⁸ In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked.⁹ He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed¹⁰ and called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

¹¹ When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down – the gods have come down in human form!”

Let's pray.

Father, we thank you for your word. We ask that you would speak to us. Answer our questions. Help us to understand what the big game plan really is, Father, and very practically help us to understand what our part in it might be. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Three main points I'd like for you to gather today. We'll project these on the screens. The first one is this: ([Slide 1](#)) God wants us -- that's those of us who are followers of Jesus, those of us who are disciples -- God wants us to show and tell the gospel to others. God wants us to show and tell the gospel. This is very much in line with what Pastor Larry was speaking on last week. We're supposed to be making disciples. A lot of it is telling people the gospel. Here in Acts, Chapter 14 we read:

⁸ In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul as he was speaking.

What was Paul talking about? What was Paul talking about? He comes up into a city, many times he started at a synagogue which was kinda his old home ground. That's where he had grown up in the synagogue. He would go to the synagogue and start talking to people. We don't know if he's in a synagogue or just on the streets, but he's there and he's speaking. What is he talking about? He's talking about the gospel. If we go back up to verse 7 it says, "They continued to preach the good news." "Good news" is another word for the gospel.

How would we define the gospel? I have a definition that I've kinda crafted. An English teacher would not be very happy with this because I think they would call this a run-on sentence or some convoluted-type of sentence, but we're gonna project it on the screen. [\(SLIDE 2\)](#) This is kind of the gospel in a nutshell. The way I would define it is like this. First statement is "God radically loves people." I don't know what that does for you, but I think that should stir us. God radically loves you and your neighbor. "God radically loves us," we could say in personalizing it. It goes on from there. Not only does he love us, he does something about it. I was saying earlier about God's incredible love and how it should move us to love others. But he loves us, and he "provides full and free deliverance from the penalty and power of their or our sin." He provides deliverance.

We have hang-ups. We have habits. We have a rebellious attitude. God has a solution to that, but that's only available by grace through faith in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. Now, some of our neighbors, some of our friends, maybe some in here might push back a little bit on that whole idea that it's only available through Jesus, but that is God's game plan. That is the avenue to find hope and healing and help for what's most broken in us. What's the result of all this? The result is that God will rightly and forever be revered and loved above everything.

Well, Paul crashes into this town called Lystra. He starts talking. He starts explaining the gospel using maybe not these exact terms but terms like this. He starts announcing that a Jesus has come, and he loved people, and that he made a way to address the most broken parts of all of us if we would just believe in him and receive him because we are so broken and we need so much. But ultimately this all turns toward glorifying -- so he's teaching this, and telling people about it, and proclaiming it, and a guy responds. But the guy responds little differently because Paul recognizes that sometimes when you go and you tell the gospel, sometimes you need to do more than just say it, you need to show it.

In this case, God gives Paul the power to reach out to a man, and to call out to a man, and to show the gospel. Not just tell the gospel, but to show the gospel in some way. Look how it happened to a man who was crippled. In fact, back in verse 8 it says "A man crippled in his feet." It kinda restates things three times. This guy was really broken down. He was crippled in his feet. He was lame from birth. He had never walked. This guy had never stood. He had never taken a step. He had never experienced what it is to be mobile using his legs:

Paul looked at him, and he saw that he had faith to be healed

Honestly I don't know what that looks like. I've never had this kind of experience.

But he looked at him. He saw he had the faith to be healed, and he called out to him.

This is a public exclamation, not a private whisper in his ear.

He called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

¹¹ When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language.

Now, here you have to understand Paul spoke Greek, and when he was speaking to these people he was most certainly speaking to them in Greek. They probably also spoke Latin, but then they had their regional dialect which was the Lycaonian. So these people:

“Shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down – the gods have come down in human form!”

Paul’s not tracking with what they’re saying. Barnabas doesn’t know what they’re saying, but these people are all up in arms and excited about this event that has just happened. What has Paul just done? He has shown the gospel because sometimes if we just use gospel words, it’s kind of foreign. It’s kinda like a foreign language to some people. Sometimes we have to show them the gospel and not just tell them the gospel.

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a show and tell assignment. Kindergarten teacher - kindergarten class – show and tell assignment. She asked the students to bring in something that represented their religion. On the day to present, the first little guy got up and said, “My name is Benjamin. I’m Jewish. This is a Star of David.”

“Very nice. Thank you, Benjamin.”

Next student stood up. Her name was Mary. She said, “My name is Mary. I’m a Catholic. This is the rosary,” and she held up the rosary beads.

Third student got up in front of the class and said, “My name is Tommy. I’m a Baptist. This is a casserole.”

If you didn’t grow up in the Baptist church, then you may not get that one. But those of us who grew up in a Baptist church, we knew that it was all about the potluck. The casserole was an important part of our faith in growing up.

How are we supposed to show our faith? Is it through a star? Is it through a rosary? Is it through a casserole? Really we’re supposed to be showing our faith, probably not these days primarily through miracles. You see, that’s what happened with Paul. He was able to show his faith or show the gospel in a miracle. Today, we primarily show our faith differently because miracles aren’t every day. They just don’t happen all the time because if miracles happened all the time they wouldn’t be called miracles, would they? They would be called “regulars.” “It’s just a regular. It’s happening all the time.” You see, I don’t think God ever intended for miracles, even in scriptural times or today, for miracles to be an everyday occurrence. You see we do regular life. God gave us ways to communicate the gospel and to show the gospel aside from miracles. Miracles don’t necessarily help us declare the gospel.

You'll see as the story plays out, miracles aren't necessarily the thing that's gonna make it happen, but there are things that we're supposed to do to show the gospel. In fact, on the side there [\(Slide 3\)](#) we have some examples of some things and some ways that we can show the gospel. The list on the left is what's known as the Fruits of the Spirit. The list on the right is just a few things here and there that demonstrate that we really have got the gospel. In Matthew 5, Jesus says it this way, **"You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds."** We are supposed to be about good deeds, showing the gospel, not just telling the gospel, but showing people the gospel. If we're gonna be part of the God's big game, we need to be showing and telling the gospel.

Lynette was a mom with a house full of kids and husband she loved and supported. Breast cancer interrupted Lynette's life. Chemotherapy treatments became part of Lynette's schedule. She got sick just thinking about going to get her chemo treatments, but she accepted her visits to the infusion center as an opportunity to show and tell the gospel.

Lynette was a show and tell kind of Christian. She was determined not to only receive comfort and strength from God, but she was determined to offer peace, hope, and love to others. In fact, when she was going to the infusion center, she would take her almost family-sized Bible with her. While receiving her chemo, early on, Lynette would visit chair to chair others in that room. If you've ever been in one of these rooms, you know how cold they can be, how hopeless they can feel. But Lynette was determined to go with her Bible.

In those early treatments she would push around her little IV roller thing, and she would visit from chair to chair, listening to people's stories, hearing their disappointment, sharing with them some words of hope that she was receiving from God, and praying for them. As her chemo progressed, she was no longer able to navigate quite so freely, but the staff appreciated Lynette's ministry to their wing, and even some of them would start to gather around. They would set Lynette up in a wheelchair, and they would wheel her from person to person. As people were open to this, the Lynette would show and tell the gospel. On her list you might be able to check a few things off that Lynette was actually doing to show her faith.

You see, there are circumstances in our lives, there are challenges in our lives, there are opportunities in our lives that God gives us to show the gospel. Putting words to it, yes, but we need to show the gospel. The words in and of themselves can be a foreign language to so many in our culture today. We're not a Christianized culture any longer I'm sorry to say, and we need to put actions behind our words.

Randy said it this way. "Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, washes all the dirt off you, then he scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds, seeds of doubt, seeds of hate, seeds of greed, then he carves you a new smiling face and puts his life inside of you to shine for all the world to see." We are to be a show and tell kind of people, showing and telling the gospel.

Well, for a show and tell kind of people, what are the outcome comes gonna be like? Now, if you go and start this in your neighborhood or in your workplace or in your school, what's the response gonna be like? Let's read the story as we find it in Acts

Chapter 14 because Paul and Barnabas, they tell the gospel and then they show it in this very powerful way healing a man. Then what happens? Picking up with verse 11. Oh, by the way, the main point here is that when we show and tell the gospel the results will be unpredictable. (SLIDE 4) The results will be unpredictable. Here we go, verse 11:

When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down – the gods have come down in human form!"

They are saying this in a foreign language to Paul and Barnabas. Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them. Here first of all we have a group of people who want to put Paul and Barnabas up on a pedestal like these are gods. These are great men. They are gods that have taken on human form.

There is a very interesting story in history. I want to read this to you. It was given to us by Ovid, a Roman poet who died about 25 years before this event. He wrote about an event that gives us some context to this story. Ovid, a Roman poet who died 25 years before this event, wrote of a time when the gods, Zeus and Hermes -- interesting -- Zeus and Hermes took on human form and visited this very valley. The people of Lystra did not recognize the gods and were inhospitable and uncaring except for one poor couple who invited them to their humble home and provide a very simple meal. Ovid's story tells that the gods then took the couple to the top of a mountain and then flooded the valley with all the people there to punish the rude villagers. The gods then turned to the couple's meager home, and they turned it into a mansion with a roof made of solid gold.

Now, that was a story that had been told in that area. If you can understand that these people may have heard that very story when Paul and Barnabas come strolling in and they heal someone, they say, "We have a second shot at this. Let's do it right." So they start to treat Paul and Barnabas like they are gods, really trying to avert judgment, maybe trying to get a reward, but maybe trying to avert the judgment that had come on them before. But Paul and Barnabas don't accept this thankfully. Verse 14 goes on:

But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this,

When they finally understood what was going on.

They tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵ "Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news.

We're not bringing you news of judgment. We're not bringing you bad news. We're bringing you good news. Good news/bad news.

A defense attorney came up to his client after going to the lab and said, "Well, I've got some good news for you, and I've got some bad news for you."

The client, defendant, said, "Well, tell me. What's the bad news?"

The attorney explained, "The bad news is the blood tests came back, and your DNA is an exact match for all that was found at the crime scene."

“Oh, no. Well, what’s the good news?”

“The good news is your cholesterol is down to 140.”

Good news/bad news. Paul says, “I’ve got good news for you. You think we’re here to judge. We’re here to actually give you good news of the gospel, and we want to live it out as well as express it in words.”

Well, first they want to put them on a pedestal. In verse 18, if we skip down it says:

Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

But that’s not the only response and reaction they get. Look at verse 19:

Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over.

If you remember what we read earlier, back in Iconium some people came through and they poisoned the minds of the people, and they got them to chase Paul and Barnabas out of town. Well, this time:

Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul.

First they want to put him on a pedestal, and now they want to pound him. Wow. If we’re gonna live the gospel, we’re gonna share the gospel, there’s gonna be all kinds of responses to what we have to say. Is everyone going to be excited about hearing about God’s love in some crazy way? No. There’s gonna be some who resist that and reject it. They want to pound him. But then if we pick up in verse 20 we also see that some did believe because it starts in verse 20:

But after the disciples had gathered around him,

“After the disciples had gathered around him.” There were some who truly believed.

When Paul was expressing, showing, and telling the gospel, some came to a place where they said, “That gospel that reaches down to the broken part of me can be the healing element that I need.” Expect the unexpected when you share the gospel.

Larry mentioned that I work with a network of churches here in northern California. One of our sister churches is Living Hope Neighborhood Church in Richmond, California. It’s actually a church as a group you all have supported financially. There have also been some men and women who have gone down to Richmond and helped fix some of their facilities.

A few weeks ago, a group from Living Hope Neighborhood Church in Richmond went to the closest high school, Richmond High. They went to Richmond High and they said, “You know, we’d really like to have this group of people come and pray for this campus. Would that be okay?” They were talking to the administration, getting it all cleared.

The administration responded, “We’re really into prayer. We like the whole prayer thing. We’re good with that, but, you know, you really can’t really come on campus. So if you’d stay out there on the sidewalk or on the street or across the street we’re all good with that.”

They were little disappointed, but at the same time felt like God called them to pray, so they were gonna do it. Well, it wasn't but a week later that a call came in to the church. First it was rejection. The second call then was from an administrator from the school who actually called and said, "You know what? We've seen you out there praying and we'd actually like to invite you, not when the students are here, but we would like to invite you in and could you just pray through the campus? We'd really appreciate that. There's a lot going on here at Richmond High."

I don't have to tell you, but my kids grew up right near that high school. I wouldn't send my kids to Richmond High. We sent them across town to Kennedy High because Richmond was too crazy. There is a lot of crazy stuff going at Richmond High. But they said, "Come in and pray."

They said, "Sure we'll do that." They thought this was a great opportunity. They met some of the teachers. They prayed through the campus, and they went back rejoicing that though they had been rejected at the first, they had received some level of acceptance early on.

Well, then it was just about a week later that another call came to Living Hope Neighborhood Church. This time it was the varsity football coach calling and asking for the senior pastor and asking for Aaron Roy. He may be a friend of some of yours. They said, "Can I talk to Aaron? Aaron, could you come and do a chapel service for our football players every week? You see, what you guys have at your church, you have many cultures working together acting like a family, we need that on our football team. So, could you come and talk to our players every week -- an old chapel thing -- and just encourage us and bring us together."

So Erin asked a clarifying question thing like, "Well, what do you want me to do? You want me to come and just give an inspiring, you know, Ra Ra message?"

He says, "Well, I want you to do whatever you do in your church. Whatever makes you guys work together and be a united family. Talk about that stuff."

So Aaron said, "So I can talk about Jesus and the gospel and how Christ died for us and we're sinners?"

"Well, whatever you do to make that happen, we need that on our team. So could you come in every week come and talk to our players?"

All kinds of receptions when we show and tell the gospel, isn't there? Well, we're running out of time, past time, but there's one other thought that I wanted to pass on, and it's this: We need the church in order to show and tell the gospel effectively. We need the church to show and tell the gospel effectively.

The story plays out that Paul needed the disciples because, those people, they stoned Paul. The disciples, the church gathered around him. He got to experience some of that healing power that he was offering earlier to that cripple. He experienced some of that himself, and he was able to get up and move forward. As the passage continues, it talks about the value of the church to strengthen believers, to come around and help us do the things we need to do. You can't do this show and tell kind of Christianity on your own. A Christian by themselves is this: They are toast. They will be left in a pile of rocks in a whole bunch of trouble. We need each other for this. In fact, I love the church. I

believe the church is God's delivery system, God's primary delivery system for the gospel. The church is the hands and feet of Jesus to a hurting world. The church is a royal priesthood, a holy nation. We are ambassadors for justice. We are the temple of the Holy Spirit. We are the family of God. We are defenders of the weak and the abused. We are the protectors of the faith. We are a people for his glory. We are God's hope for the world. God's big game plan is for us to show and tell the gospel with the people of God with each other to a lost and dying world. I trust you're in the game and not just picking dandelions.

I have a video we're gonna end with today. This video portrays some of who we are as Converge, that is, that network of about 1,200 churches, and how we together are working out God's big game plan. Let's roll the video. (VIDEO BEGINS) [Link to Video](#)

(The video shows scenes from all over the world showing God's beauty in nature, farms, cities, and different groups of believers in various nationalities worshipping in different ways. The speakers are of all ages, young and old, male and female.)

I believe there is one living and true God existing in three persons.

I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I believe God hears our prayers.

I believe in the Bible, God's own word.

I believe that Jesus died to pay for our sins, and he was raised from the dead.

I believe the church is not a building or an event.

It is the people of God.

I believe that Jesus established the church, and it should bring God glory.

I believe healthy, strong churches grow and bear fruit.

Jesus said, **"We must go make disciples, baptize, and teach."**

But how do we share the gospel with seven billion people?

We know we can't do it alone.

So what can we do?

We find others who share our passion to see the world transformed by Christ.

We are Converge. (Repeated in different voices.)

With about 1,200 churches, Converge is an expanding movement adding nearly two congregations every week.

It started in the 1850s by Swedish immigrants. Today we're reaching more than 20 ethnicities in the US and more than 27 countries worldwide.

In Matthew 16:18 Jesus said, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."

Converge is all about starting and strengthening churches.
We know starting new churches is the most effective way to reach new people.
The church in Acts 13 sent out Paul and Barnabas to start churches.
That Spirit-powered strategy continues to this day.
We know Jesus wants every church to transform its community.
So we work together to strengthen churches.
Reproducing the life of Christ everywhere we serve.
That's what we're about. (Repeated in different voices.)
We believe God does things in Biblical proportions.
He multiplied the loaves and fish.
He multiplied the new believers.
He's multiplying churches worldwide.
And that's what we do in Converge.
You are part of this expanding movement.
Multiplying transformational churches together.
We are Converge. (Repeated in different voices.)

(VIDEO ENDS)

Father, thank you for allowing us to be a part of a movement of churches like that. So many people in that video we have met and shared with and prayed with. It reminds us that we're part of a global movement that is sending the gospel to all the nations of the earth. I pray today, God, to thank you for David and his family and for his leadership in Converge PacWest, and for allowing our church be a part of this movement that is ever-growing. I ask today, God, that you will help us to be the kind of people that you want in order to be engaged in a gospel that is bringing people to you forever. We thank you, God, for the time to be reminded of that today. We commit this to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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1. God wants us to **show and tell** the gospel to others.

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The Gospel

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SHOW & Tell

2. When we show and tell the gospel,
the results are **unpredictable**.

Acts 14:11-20



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