

Finding Jesus



How can I be perfect if I am
stuck as a sinner?

II Corinthians 12:9-10

⁹ And He said to me, “My **GRACE IS SUFFICIENT** for you, for My strength is made **PERFECT IN WEAKNESS.**” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. **FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN I AM STRONG.**”

Matthew 26:27-28, 39

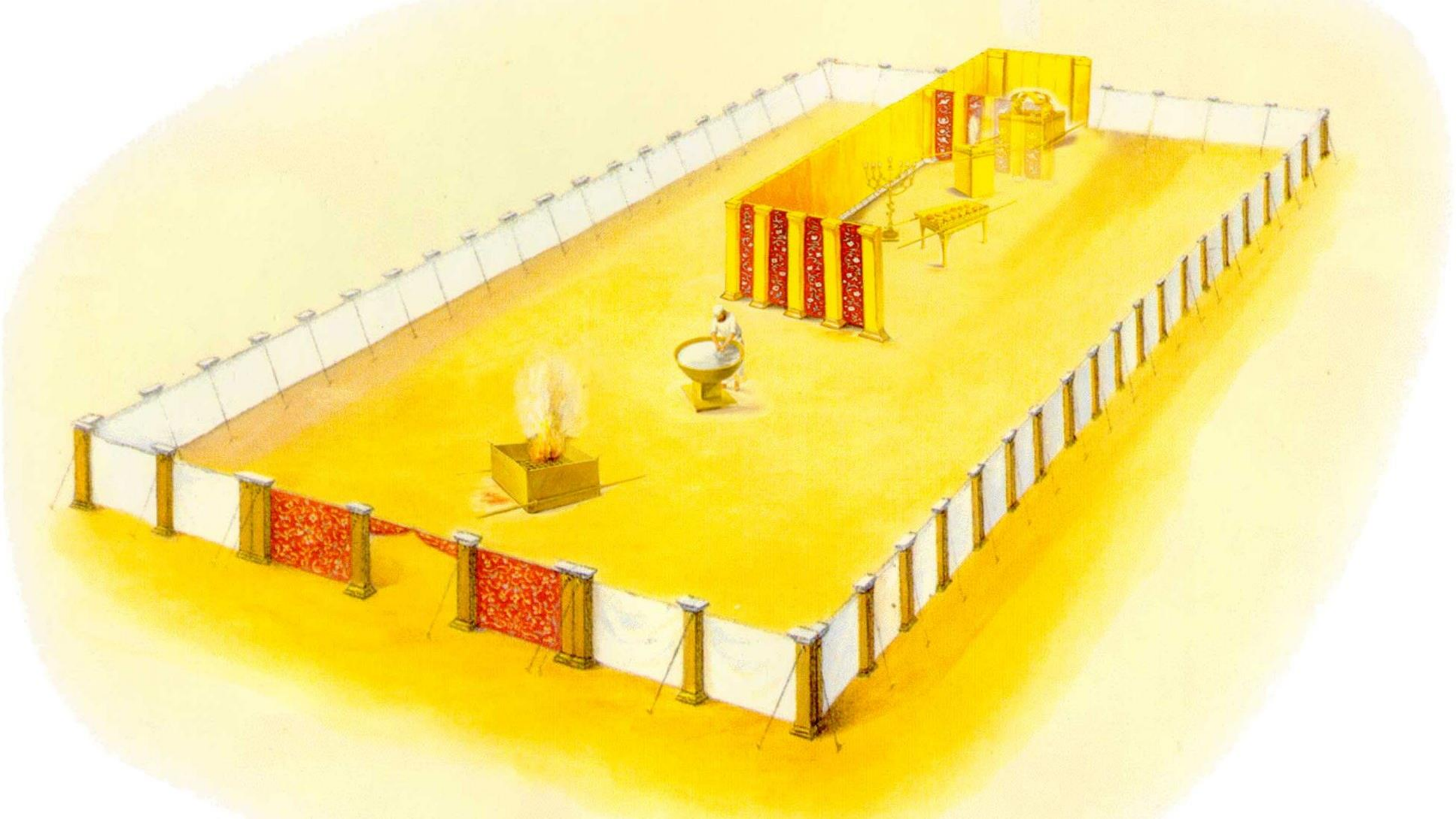
²⁷ Then *HE TOOK THE CUP, AND GAVE THANKS, AND GAVE IT TO THEM*, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

³⁹ He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, *LET THIS CUP PASS FROM ME*; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”

How do I live day-to-day
in a sinful world?

The Sanctuary



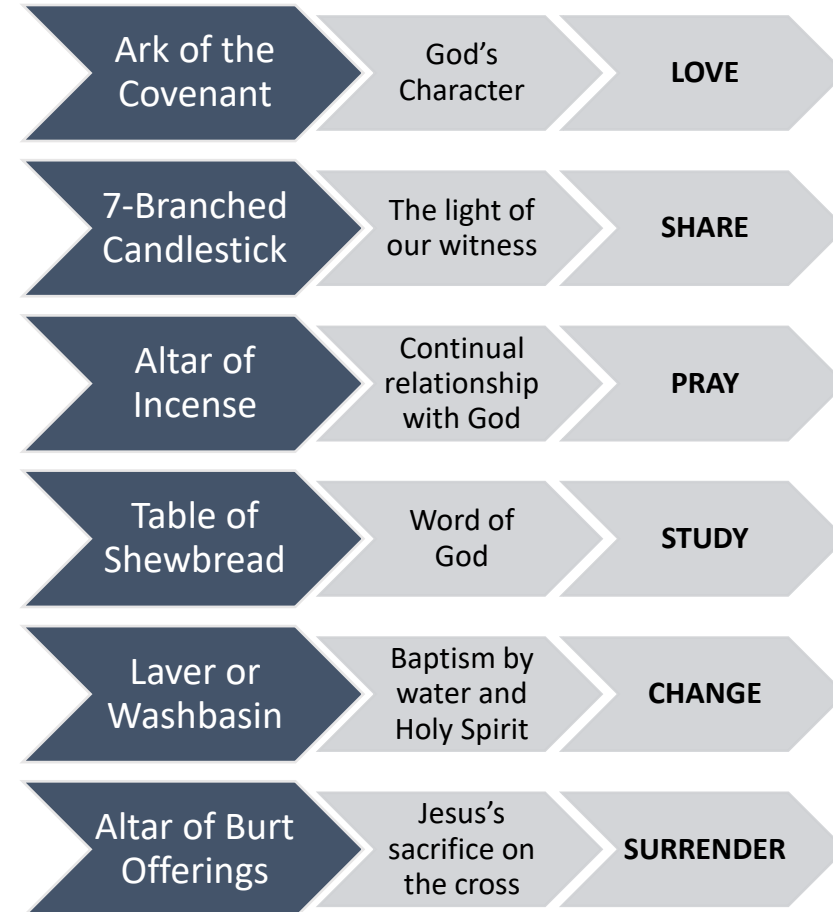


The Sanctuary Furniture Pattern

- Ark of the Covenant
- Seven-branched Candlestick
- Altar of Incense
- Table of Showbread
- Laver or Washbasin
- Altar of Burnt Offerings



New Covenant—Same Blueprint



The Sanctuary model is a practical
blueprint for becoming more like Jesus.

II Peter 1:3-11

³ His **DIVINE POWER** has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through **THE KNOWLEDGE** of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them **YOU MAY BECOME PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE**, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your FAITH with VIRTUE, and virtue with KNOWLEDGE, ⁶ and knowledge with SELF-CONTROL, and self-control with STEADFASTNESS, and steadfastness with GODLINESS, ⁷ and godliness with BROTHERLY AFFECTION, and brotherly affection with LOVE.

^(2 Peter 1.4)
But also for this very reason, giving all diligence,

add to your **faith**
virtue,

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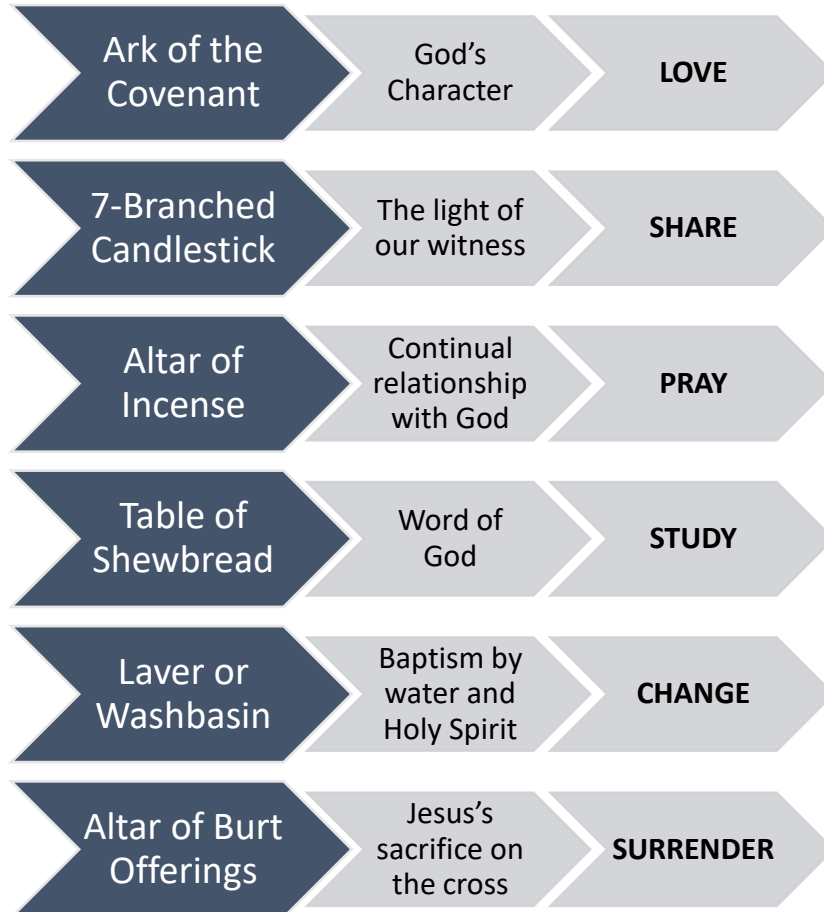
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2 Peter 1.5-7

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II Peter 1:3-11 (continued)

⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being **INEFFECTIVE OR UNFRUITFUL** in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for **IF YOU PRACTICE THESE QUALITIES YOU WILL NEVER FALL**. ¹¹ For in this **WAY** there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A scenic landscape featuring a wooden boardwalk that winds through a dense, lush green forest. The boardwalk is made of reddish-brown wooden planks and leads the viewer's eye from the bottom center towards the horizon. The forest is composed of various types of green trees and shrubs. In the background, there are rolling hills or mountains under a dramatic sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow that illuminates the clouds and the forest. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds in shades of orange, pink, and purple.

God's Way = Love

Matthew 25:34-40

³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷

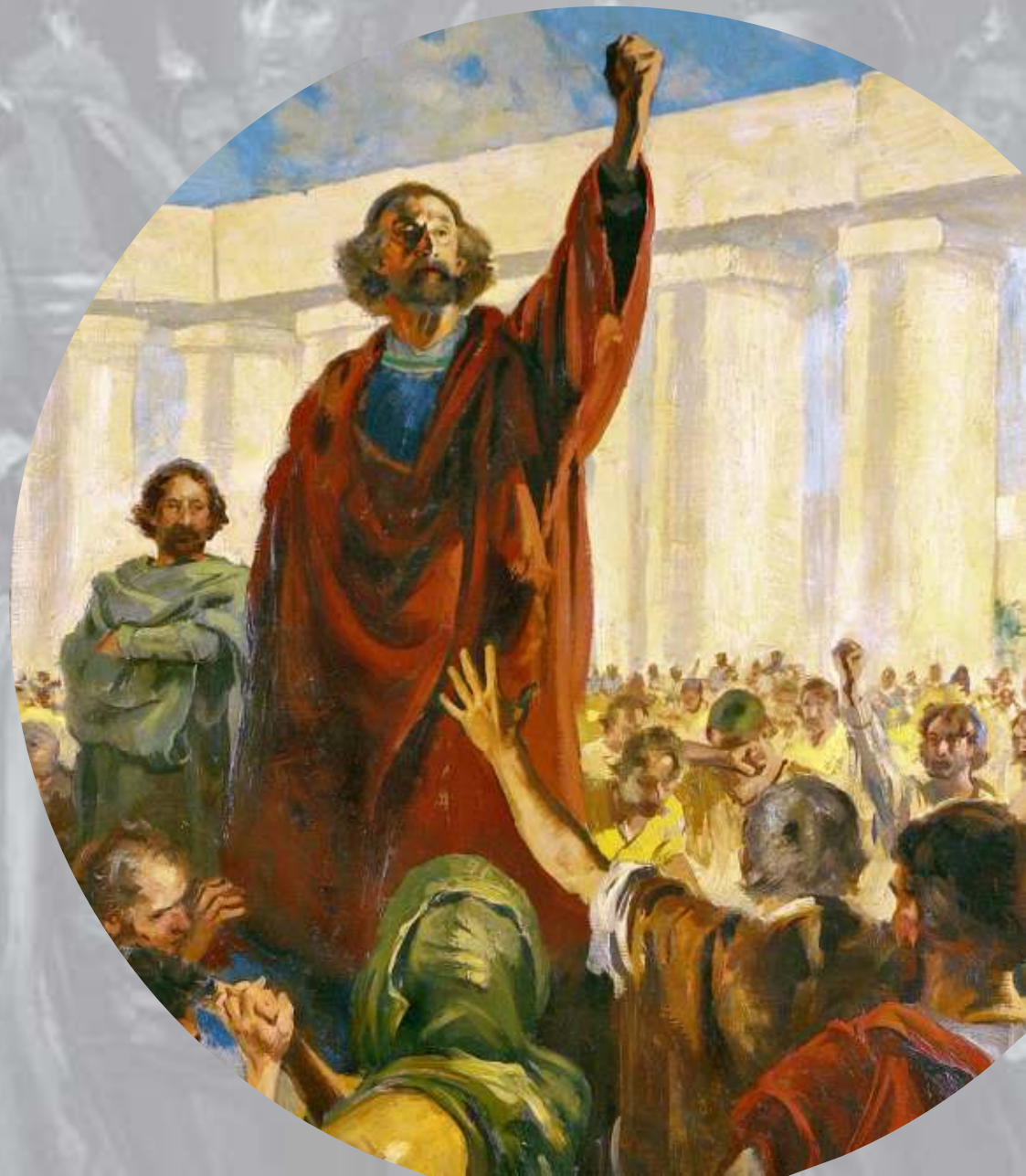
Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, '*Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.*'

When did the followers of Jesus
most closely follow his example?

Day of Pentecost

- Holy Spirit fills the church
- Disciples preach with boldness
- 3,000 baptized in a day
- Many priests converted
- **Acts 2-5**



Road to Emmaus

- Jesus' death and burial were misunderstood
- Disciples were discouraged and scattered
- Jesus met them on the road
- Jesus restored their hope
- **Luke 24:13-31**





Faith is based on Bible
evidence

Luke 24:27 “²⁷And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.”



In order to be changed like Acts 2,
we need to have the spiritual
heartburn of Luke 24.

The Story of Genesis

Finding Pictures of Jesus



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Noah:

Abraham:

Isaac:

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- Jacob: the older brother rejected birthright; it went to the younger
 - the new covenant

The Story of Joseph Parallel

- He was sent ahead to prepare a place for his brothers.
- But before they were allowed to enter in, Joseph had to investigate (judgment).
- He set up tests to see if his brothers had changed, to see how they would treat one another, especially how they treated the youngest (the least of these).
- When they demonstrated self-sacrificing love (the character of Jesus), he knew that they had changed and they were allowed to enter into the kingdom.

Joseph was a foreshadow of Christ working the Investigative Judgment in Heaven, and he is also a foreshadow of the last day church.

Look for Jesus

