

Cutting A New Path Building a Better Vision (Read the Right Script)

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Big Question: Are you building a vision that only follows **your script**?

Script Defined: It is a written document that is used to guide the performance of an actor.

Series Questions:

- 1. What can you see? (Does your script allow you to see far enough down the road?)
- **2.** How has your **location** affected your ability to see?
- **3.** How has your **experiences** affected your ability to see?
- **4.** How has your **belief** system affected your ability to see?
- 5. How has your **family of origin** affected your ability to see and improve your script?

Part One: The Script We Have Written For Ourselves

Three Side Questions:

- 1. Can you see beyond **your script**? The disciples could not see beyond their expectations. (Acts 1)
- 2. How far **do you see down the road?** They could not figure out why Jesus would leave. (Acts 1:6)
- 3. How do you manage seasons that you can't explain? (Acts 2:7)

Text: Acts 1:1-11 (NKJV)

• 1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, 3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Part Two: The Script Jesus Left For His Disciples

I. The Script Said: Wait

(Acts 1:4-11)

1:4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to **wait** for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

II. The Script Said: It's Not For You To Know The Times or Seasons

1:6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.





III. The Script Said: You Have Power

1:8 But **you shall receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

IV. The Script Said: He Left and Will Return

(Acts 1:9-11)

1:9 Now when He had spoken these things, while **they watched**, **He was taken up**, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

Conclusion: Five questions The Book of Acts makes me consider when I look at my script

- 1. Do I have a **Luke** in my life that can help me with the facts?
- **2.** Do I have **somebody** that I allow to tell me to wait?
- **3.** Do I trust God when I don't know the times or the seasons?
- **4.** Do I believe I have all the power and ability I need?
- **5.** Do I really **believe** that Jesus will return for me?

Next Time: The Power of Your Location

Big Question: How has your location affected your ability to see?

Read Ahead: 2 Peter 3:8; Acts 1:6