

NEW ACTS #10: ACTS 10 8:4-8 "SNOW GLOBE CHRISTIANS"

INNOVATION LAG – lose hunger stop PUSHING FORW– DISNEY MISSED PIXAR – KODAK DIGITAL PIC – BLOCKBUSTER NETFLIX – DISNEY WOKE UP – not every1

- **Some churches stop pushing forward – SOME WAKE UP / DIE (dead)**

Revelation 3:1 I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

MP: Jesus intended His church to always push the gospel and Kingdom forward.

Sometimes He has to shake His church to get her to move.

- Why is 10-40 window unreached. Why so many unreached people groups
- God uses an awakened church as his tool to reach the world with the gospel

THE CHURCH GOT COMFORTABLE

COMFORTABLE (4 lw) = STAGNANT / SWAMP (political) / DEAD SEA (nothing live)

- SNOW GLOBE CHRISTIANITY

DOESN'T GOD WANT ME TO BE COMFORTABLE? **THE LIVING GOD – always at work**

- HEAVEN CENTERED – **THIS IS NOT OUR HOME (CAMPING)**
- GOD WILL SHAKE YOU UP

Christianity keep us from comfortability.

- **Salt** is meant to be scattered - **Light** is intended to be dispersed

Matthew 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house.

PERSECUTION PUSHED THEM OUT OF THE BOX

GOD DIDN'T CAUSE PERSECUTION BUT HE USED IT

- Different responses: angry at circumstances, framing it all as Satan
- GOING TO MISS WHAT GOD HAS FOR YOU!!

If you're so focused on what Satan is doing, you will miss what God is doing.

God will shake us out of our comfort zone if we become too comfortable.

- o **JOSEPH** favored child – taken to Egypt **MOSES** to Egypt
- **What is your comfort zone?**

A comfort zone is a self-imposed boundary that you refuse to push past.

- THE CHURCH IS BEING SHAKEN

We are comfortable that we can handle the slightest disturbance to our routine.

REVIVAL ON THE OTHER SIDE

REVELATION - Multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken -

Salvation is a work of the Holy Spirit.

- HOLY SPIRIT GIVES SPIRITUAL SIGHT

2 Corinthians 4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.

- **GROUNDWORK LAID BY JESUS – ENTERING INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S'
MANIFEST EVIDENCE OF GOD'S MOVEMENT: SIGNS AND WONDERS**

- KINGDOM OF GOD victorious over KINGDOM OF DARKNESS
- **TRANSFORMED LIVES – liberated people**

More people attending church doesn't mean that God is moving.

FRUIT THAT REMAINS

CITY TOUCHED – JOY – That's how a city is transformed.

- **Culture is affected** -

Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny C.S. Lewis