



The Normal Christian Life



Glastonbury Abbey
Once the greatest and most powerful church in England



Why Care About a Dead Church?

- Nationally, church attendance is down
- In spite of the appearance of success, due to a handful of mega churches
- Simply drawing believers out of neighborhood churches to BIG “full service” churches
- Especially among millennials, interest in organized Christianity is shrinking
- Burnet County, population 45,000 +, has almost 200 churches, and the average church weekly church attendance is - my best estimate - +/- 5,000. If you subtract 4 churches, may be under 3,000
- WHY??? – no power, no life



The Promise – The Mission – Acts 1:8

8 **but you will receive**
POWER when the Holy
Spirit has come upon
you; and you shall be
My witnesses



Power Encounters

The Holy Spirit will give
you the ability to tell
what *you have*
experienced - with
miraculous results!!!!



Eye on the Prize

29 And [v]now, Lord, take note of their threats,
and grant **that Your bond-servants may
speak Your word with all confidence,**

30 **while You extend Your hand to heal, and
[w]signs and wonders take place through
the name of Your holy [x]servant Jesus."**

31 **And when they had prayed, the place
where they had gathered together was
shaken, and they were all filled with the
Holy Spirit and *began* to speak the word of
God with boldness.**



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³² And the [y] congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one *of them* [z] claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all. ³⁴ For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the [aa] proceeds of the sales ³⁵ and lay them at the apostles' feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had need.

³⁶ Now Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means Son of [ab] Encouragement), ³⁷ and who owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

A silhouette of a person stands in a gap between two stone walls. The background is a bright, glowing sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon. The scene is dark, with the person and walls in silhouette against the bright light.

STANDING
IN *THE* GAP

Ezekiel 22:30



Outrageously Amazing Message!!

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY