



**I AM CALLING**

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**THEY ARE COMING**





# Be Ready

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- Young families
- A little shellshocked and overwhelmed
- Almost like they didn't know where to go
- Displaced, discouraged, searching, hungry
- God said, "Be Ready. Things will change and when they do, they will change quickly."
- Must be ready to smoothly meet the needs.
- Then, about 6 weeks later .....







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- Saw a little church sitting at the top of a high hill, with a road curving up to it, and a steady stream of people was headed up to it, a great multitude.
- And they looked so tired and desperate – they were coming out of a great SPIRITUAL need
- but they weren't looking for a program or an event to entertain them or an activity to make them feel better



# Something Completely New

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- They were looking for the presence of God. They were hungry to experience Him and here His voice and be touched by his power and covered with His Glory.
- They were done playing church and they were looking for a place to Worship - to meet with Him, honor Him and glorify Him, and be changed by Him
- Which, incidentally, is the purpose of Worship



# How Do We Prepare? Acts 2

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- 42 They were continually devoting themselves to the **apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and [a]to prayer.**
- 43 [b]Everyone **kept feeling a sense of awe**; and many wonders and [c]signs were taking place through the apostles. 44 And all those who had believed [d]**were together** and had all things in common;



# Love God, Love People

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- <sup>45</sup> and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were **sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.** <sup>46</sup> Day by day continuing with **one mind in the temple,** and breaking bread [e]from house to house, they were taking their [f]meals together with gladness and [g]sincerity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. **And the Lord was adding [h]to their number day by day those who were being saved.**





# Our Life Together

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- **Worship**
- **Koinonia Fellowship**
- **Encourage One Another**
- **Care for One Another**
- **Spirit-led Intercession**
- **Operation Christmas Child**
- **Absolute Dependence on Him**



# Lesson I Learned Last Week

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- At the HLCN Banquet, Max Lucado preached about CALM
- At the end, he made room for the Holy Spirit to speak to people and minister to them in a few moments of quiet as he invited the Holy Spirit to come and fill the room. People were touched as they encountered God
- I believe God taught me that should always come first, even at every HLCN event
- Because we all hunger for that above all



# The Times They are ...

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- **BE READY TO LOVE  
GOD AND LOVE  
PEOPLE**



# Jesus + Nothing = EVERYTHING

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- 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