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Jeremiah 1:9–10; John 14:26; John 15:5–6; Acts 1:4–9; Acts 2:7–8; 2 Corinthians 5

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Fool for Christ

[Acts 1:4–9](#) (NIV)

4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Secrecy is attributed to the Father.

The Father chose a people, He chooses the timing of events, directs the movement and ministry of Jesus.

[Acts 2:7](#) NIV

Revelation, or Openness is attributed to the Son.

He was clearly visible. He made known what was invisible (The Father’s will, The Father’s face, The father’s plan)

Clarification is attributed to Holy Spirit.

[John 14:26](#) (NIV)

[Acts 2:8](#) 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;

Your story of victory is a word of breakthrough for someone else.

[Jeremiah 1:9–10](#) (NIV)

9 Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

[2 Corinthians 5:11](#) (NIV)

11 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.

[2 Corinthians 5:13](#) (NIV)

13 If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God;

I know we look crazy, but I’m willing to take that risk because what the message I have is so important, I am willing to look foolish to make it look bright.

[2 Corinthians 5:17–18](#) (NIV)

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

[2 Corinthians 5:20–21](#) (NIV)

20 We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.

21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

[John 15:5-6](#) (NIV)

5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.