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## THE FIRST CHURCH IN JERUSALEM

Acts 3,1 – 7,60(Chap 4,32.33)

" All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all . "

In this section, we learn how the Holy Spirit worked mightily through the first church; we can learn the spiritual mystery of how God was able to work so powerfully in and through the early church. God had worked mightily in the lame through Peter and John, because they believed in the name of Jesus. They didn't have silver and gold, but they had faith in the name of Jesus. By healing a lame, God opened the door to His work of redemption. And through Peter's clear preaching, his listeners knew that they had to repent of their wickedness. But the religious leaders were annoyed that the apostles were teaching the people. Satan fights very actively to somehow prevent the proclamation of the good news of Jesus' resurrection. But the Apostles did not allow themselves to be intimidated or silenced but courageously testified: "We cannot refrain from speaking of what we have seen and heard." Here we learn from Peter and John that they feared the living and Almighty God more than men. In this way, they were able to overcome all threats and bear witness with the power of the Holy Spirit to what they themselves had seen and heard. The unanimous prayer of the congregation was the source of strength, encouragement, and the firm basis for the further work of God. The prayer request of the congregation was: "Give your servants to speak your word with all boldness." And when they had prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of believers were of one heart and soul, and not one of them said of his possessions that they were his, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles testified to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was with them all.

We were able to experience how God encouraged us in this ungodly environment through the faith of His servant: with Mk 11:22-24, so that we could pray together and challenge the mountain of disciple making ministry and fight together. It can be said that it was impossible for the Korean missionaries to set up disciples of Jesus in Germany. But the servant of God helped us to challenge the disciple making ministry with Mk 11:22, and to set up local shepherds with the power of the Holy Spirit. When God worked mightily, Satan became envious and persecuted his church. Despite many afflictions and persecutions, M. Sarah faithfully fought with the servant of God, holding fast to Phil 1:21: "Christ is my life, and death is my gain." Although there were many obstacles, they did not give up, but by faith they challenged the disciple making ministry to appoint spiritual leaders among the next generation. God helped our next generation to grow into S.E.B.T's and global spiritual leaders through GLEF.

Here I thank God for His work, that He gave me the grace to be sent to Bonn as a missionary for Europe and the World Campus Mission. Then God gave me the name Priska, who held out her neck for Paul for the European World Campus Mission. This was impossible for me, who once lived selfishly, godlessly, and without relationship, M. Peter and M. Sarah, my spiritual parents, helped me, a beginner missionary, to have faith in God from the beginning through the fellowship of life with Mk 11:22 and to trust in Him absolutely. They helped me, through Jesus' prayer from Lk 23:34: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do", what a terrible self-centered sinner I was, but how Jesus loved me and patiently served me. Through the dedicated missionary life of the missionaries, God helped me through 1. Peter 2:4-5 to repent of my false goal in life, not to live a better, comfortable life, but to build my life on Jesus, who is the rejected stone, the cornerstone. God blessed me to found a blessed house church for the WM with a man of faith Shepherd Jochen. Although he could not attend university, God educated him through UBF Bonn University to become a Bible Teacher like D.L. Moody, for the intellectual students. God blessed our house church with His promise from Genesis 15:5-6 and John 12:24, so that with God's vision we could overcome our unbelief and petty-bourgeois thinking, grow into a God- and mission-centered house church and be used as spiritual parents for the spiritual descendants.

Sometimes I had a sense of loss when many coworkers came and went, and some sheep came and went, and the children were rebellious and stubborn. But God helped us to decide, according to Ezra 7:10, to stand clearly on the side of Jesus and, like Ezra, to set my heart on searching, obeying, and teaching God's Word. God encouraged us with a clear decision to serve Discipleship ministry faithfully and to work together for the mobilization of the NG at all costs.

It is a fact that it is not easy to become one in the family. It is not easy for a German shepherd to live with a Korean missionary. There are some challenges. But God helped us to learn to become one through servitude for the sheep and for the education of children. God has helped us to consider a soul valuable and to serve faithfully. The faithful God helped Olaf with Mark 11:22 so that he could challenge his mountain of study and win the victory of faith. When we prayed unanimously with Mark 6:37a for the pioneering work of HRS University, we had to expect rejection. But God encouraged us with Acts 14:22: We must go through many tribulations to enter the kingdom of God. Then we were able to serve some precious souls through the one-to-one Bible Study in a fresh and cheerful way and win them for God. When we prayed with God's vision according to Ezekiel 37:10 that God would bring dead bones to life through His Word, we were able to form prayer vessels for the students at Rhein Sieg University, praying of one heart for the work of God with the promise of God in the lives of Shepherd Noah, David and Andrea. As we prayed for this in the church through Biblestudy und common life, we can experience His powerful work of spiritually mobilizing and transforming them, to serve God und to cowork for WM.

God has given us the privilege to learn through daily fellowship: Daily bread fellowship, word community, a prayer vessel to work together for KBG Mission, Breakfast Community for the disciple making ministry, for the mobilization of the NG, and for M. Mission. we say: "Bible Turkey, Bible Germany, Bible Europe, World Mission. Have faith in God. We are one Team!"

Give thanks and praise to God for blessing our prayer for GLEF 2025 with His Word from Acts and helping our next generation to grow into knowledgeable Bible teachers and powerful messengers, influential Witness of Jesus and global spiritual leaders for world mission, online and M-mission.

One word: We are one team, one heart and one soul, with the power of the Holy Spirit to bear witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ for World Mission.