

SOMETIMES YOU JUST NEED TO ACT UP

Acts 2:1-4, 13 (NIV)

1 *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.*

2 *Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.*

3 *They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.*

4 *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

13 *Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."*

- The Holy Spirit must be demonstrated.
- When you are full of the Holy Spirit you can't help but let him out.
- They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and then they demonstrated it (began to act up).
- Sometimes you just need to act up!
- Wake up to what is on the inside of you.
- Fill up with more.
- And then act up as if you have something.
- They were laughing and shouting, and completely yielding themselves to the moving of the Holy Spirit.
- Being full of the Holy Spirit will cause others to talk.

DON'T BE A STAND-IN

Acts 2:14-18, 40-41, 46-47 (NIV)

14 *Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.*

15 *These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!*

16 *No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:*

17 *" 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*

18 *Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.*

40 *With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."*

41 *Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

46 *Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,*

47 *praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

-3,000 people were saved because they chose to act up after falling up.

-In movies there are people referred to as stand-ins.

-The difference between the actor and the stand-in is the paycheck, the acknowledgment, and the access.

-A stand-in is never in the movie, just around it.

-Too many Christians are going through life as a stand-in and not an actor.

-Peter decided that he was going to no longer be a stand in.

-Once Peter got full he began to switch roles.

-Peter started acting up and 3,000 people got saved.

THE WORLD IS IN NEED OF ACTORS

Acts 3:1-10 (NIV)

1 *One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon.*

2 *Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.*

3 *When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money.*

4 *Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!"*

5 *So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.*

6 *Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."*

7 *Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.*

8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

9 When all the people saw him walking and praising God,

10 they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Acts 4:1-4 (NIV)

1 The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people.

2 They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.

3 They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.

4 But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand.

-Everyone else walked by this man and blew him off.

-Peter and John decided to act up.

-Imagine what could happen if a few hundred college students decided to act up at school one day.

-Imagine what would happen if we began to act up at our jobs, around our relatives, in the streets.

-Imagine what would happen if you began to act up in this church.

-Revival falls when actors take center stage.

-Quit watching others play your role and get up and act up!