



# EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT

**What's Next: Thinking Carefully About The Church in a Challenging Age**



# TRANSCENDENT

*“beyond or above the range of normal or merely physical human experience.”*



## HEMORRHAGING FAITH

WHY & WHEN CANADIAN YOUNG ADULTS ARE  
LEAVING, STAYING & RETURNING TO THE CHURCH

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## Acts 1

**1** In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach **2** until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

## Acts 1

**3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.**

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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.

Acts 1

**5 For John baptized with[a] water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”**

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

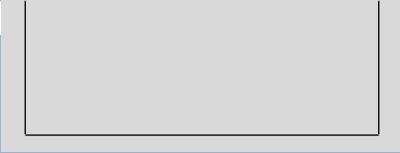
**7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.**

Acts 1

**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.”**

# Three Takeaways

- 1. Grow our faith in the transforming power of God.**
- 2. Invite God into your circumstances.**
- 3. Be more attentive to the Spirit's presence in our lives and to experience Him.**



1 PETER 2:9

“...a kingdom of  
priests...”



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