WHAT MUST WE DO?

Acts Series · Motivation Church

Key Scripture

Acts 2:37-38
When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Supporting texts: John 18:15-27 · John 21:15-19 · Acts 2:1-47

Big Idea

God doesn't replace failed people. He fills them.

Fifty days before Pentecost, Peter stood by a charcoal fire and denied Jesus three times to a servant girl. On Pentecost, the fire fell on Peter, and he stood before thousands and declared Jesus as Lord. Same man. Same city. Different fire.

Main Points

1. Your Failure Is Not Your Final Chapter

John 18:25-27; John 21:15-17

Peter's lowest moment happened by a fire. So did his restoration. On the beach, Jesus built another charcoal fire and asked him three times, "Do you love me?" One question for every denial. Jesus didn't just forgive Peter's past. He gave him a future.

- Jesus restores us in the very places we fell.
- Shame says, "Sit down." Grace says, "Feed my sheep."
- **Takeaway:** What disqualified you in your eyes is often what God uses to qualify you for others.

2. The Spirit Turns Fear Into Boldness

Acts 2:1-4, 14

The same Peter who hid behind a crowd now stands in front of one. Nothing changed in Peter's personality. Everything changed in Peter's power. Boldness isn't a temperament. It is the fruit of being filled.

- Peter didn't stand up alone. He stood up with the Eleven.
- You can't manufacture courage, but you can be filled with it.
- **Takeaway:** Stop praying for less fear. Start asking for more of the Spirit.

3. Bold Faith Points to Jesus, Not to Itself

Acts 2:22-24, 36

Peter had every reason to tell his own comeback story. Instead, he preached Jesus: crucified, raised, and exalted. His message ended with one claim: God has made this Jesus both Lord and Messiah.

- A Spirit-filled church is never the main character. Jesus is.
- Your story matters most when it makes Him look bigger.
- **Takeaway:** The goal isn't for people to remember you. It's for them to meet Him.

4. One Yes Can Multiply Into Thousands

Acts 2:37-41

The crowd was cut to the heart and asked, "What shall we do?" Peter answered: repent, be baptized, receive the Spirit. About three thousand people said yes that day. One restored disciple became the spark for a movement.

- Peter's obedience was personal. Its impact was exponential.
- The early church wasn't built on a building. It was built on Spirit-filled people.
- **Takeaway:** Heaven measures your life by what multiplies after you obey.

Monday Application

1. **Name it.** What failure have you let write your last chapter? Bring it to Jesus by name.
2. **Ask for it.** Pray daily this week: "Holy Spirit, fill me again."
3. **Point to Him.** Share what Jesus has done in your life with one person by Sunday.

Reflect: Where is God asking me to stand up instead of sit back?

Remember This

The fire that fell on Peter is still falling on people like you.