

Sermon Notes: The Real, The Imitation, The Response | Pastor Josh | Sunday Morning Sermon

I. Introduction

- **Topic:** Continuation of the study through Acts
- **Scripture:** Acts 19
- **Opening Prayer:** Seeking understanding and unity through God's Word.

II. Key Themes

A. The Transformative Power of the Holy Spirit

- **Acts 19:** Paul's encounter with disciples in Ephesus.
- **Significance:** The Holy Spirit's role in empowering believers for ministry.

B. Unity Within the Early Church

- **Examples from Scripture:** Samson, David, and Paul.
- **Lessons:** God uses flawed individuals; importance of unity and Christ-centeredness.

C. The Dangers of Division and Disunity

- **Church Today:** Comparison to the early church; the need for unity.
- **Scriptural References:** John 17 (Jesus' high priestly prayer for unity).

III. Lessons and Applications

A. Growing in Grace

- **Active Pursuit:** Encouragement to actively seek spiritual growth.
- **Daily Walk:** Integrating the teachings of Christ into daily life.

B. Maintaining Christ at the Center

- **Focus on Jesus:** Keeping Christ central in all aspects of life and ministry.
- **Avoiding Distractions:** Warning against placing anything above Christ.

C. Trusting in God's Ability

- **Using Imperfect Individuals:** Assurance that God can work through our flaws.
- **Examples from Scripture:** How God used Samson, David, and Paul despite their imperfections.

IV. Conclusion

- **Reflection on Acts 19:** Importance of the Holy Spirit, unity, and Christ-centeredness.

- **Call to Action:** Encouragement to grow in grace, maintain unity, and trust in God's ability to use us.

Scriptural References

- **Acts 19**
- **John 17**
- **1 Corinthians**
- **Philippians**