

**Abundant Life Church
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Series: **Roleplay**
Title: ***The Critic and the Insider***

Have you ever given a gift and got a mixed reaction?

Gift giving is about the giver of the gift bestowing upon the receiver, not about the rights of the receiver.

Acts 2:1-13 (NCV)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a noise like a strong, blowing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw something like flames of fire that were separated and stood over each person there. 4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages by the power the Holy Spirit was giving them. 5 There were some religious Jews staying in Jerusalem who were from every country in the world. 6 When they heard this noise, a crowd came together. They were all surprised, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 7 They were completely amazed at this. They said, "Look! Aren't all these people that we hear speaking from Galilee? 8 Then how is it possible that we each hear them in our own languages? We are from different places: 9 Parthia, Media, Elam, Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, 10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the areas of Libya near Cyrene, Rome 11 (both Jews and those who had become Jews), Crete, and Arabia. But we hear them telling in our own languages about the great things God has done!" 12 They were all amazed and confused, asking each other, "What does this mean?" 13 But others were making fun of them, saying, "They have had too much wine."

There are two clear themes in the Book of Acts:

1. Christians in the 1st Century were tuned in to Christ.
2. Christians needed the power to come on, and out came the message!

Question 1: Are you tuned in to Christ?

Question 2: Are you plugged into the power source?

As a believer: Ask God, "Why not me, and why not now?"

As a Church: Why not us, and why not now?

Churches of the North Metro: Why not us and why not now?

Churches in the whole Metro: Why not us and why not now.

Acts 1:8 (paraphrased)

"But you shall receive power (when you are plugged in to the power source) and when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; (you shall be my witness to everyone!)"

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Ephesians 1:22 (ESV)

And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church.

Hiding

Siding

Never put your key to happiness in someone else's pocket! Rev. Jeannie Mayo

Biding

Heaven is better than Minnesota!

For the Christian, The best is yet to come!

Acts 5:12 (NCV)

The apostles did many signs and miracles among the people. And they would all meet together on Solomon's Porch. 13 None of the others dared to join them, but all the people respected them. 14 More and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to the group of believers. 15 The people placed their sick on beds and mats in the streets, hoping that when Peter passed by at least his shadow might fall on them. 16 Crowds came from all the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those who were bothered by evil spirits, and all of them were healed.

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