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Part 4: Acts 1:1-14



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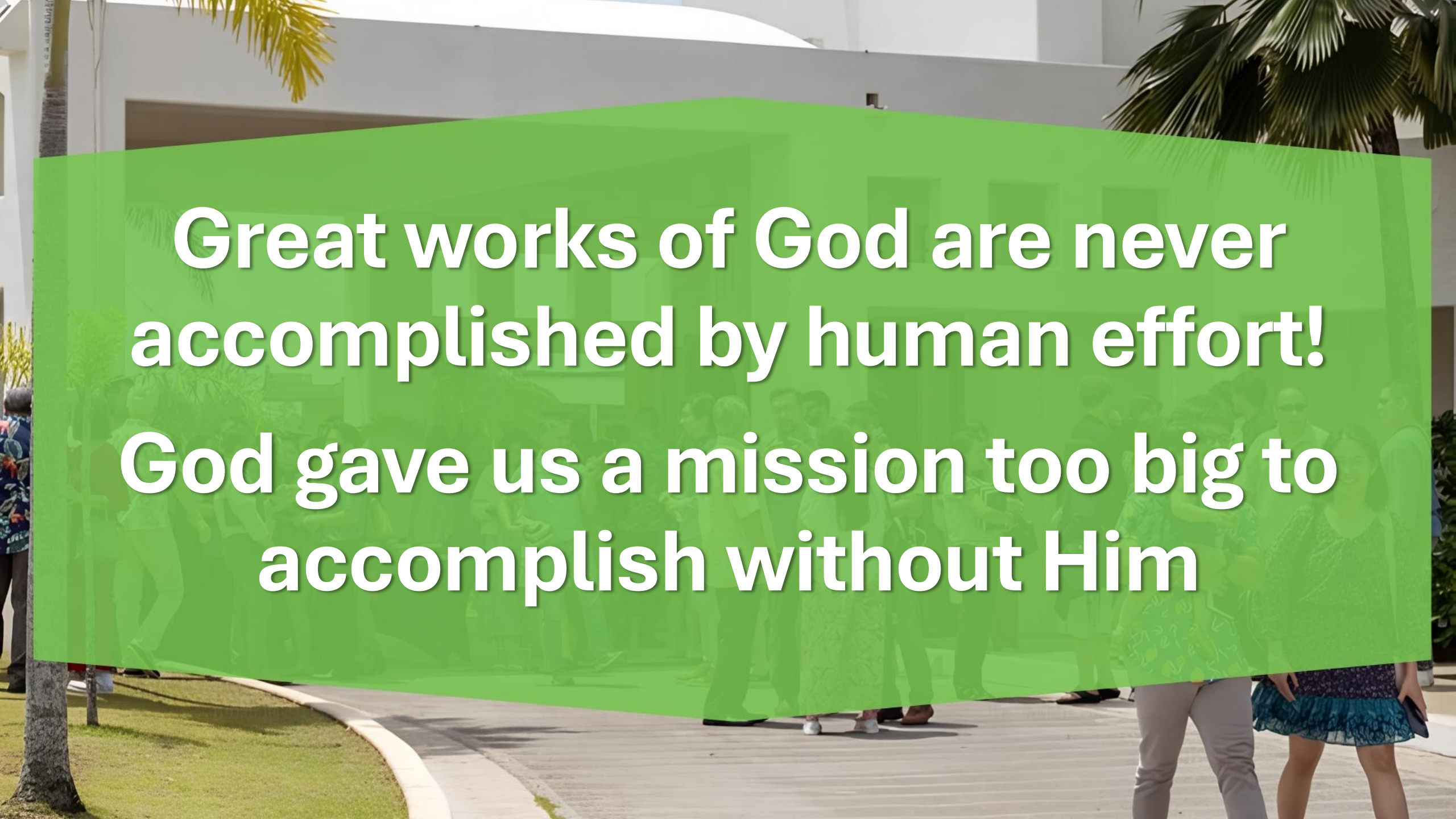
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- We can never have a small vision – we have been given a global initiative!

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Acts 1-7 Jerusalem

**Acts 8-12 Judea/Samaria &
Outward**

**Acts 13-28 Relentlessly toward
the Nations**

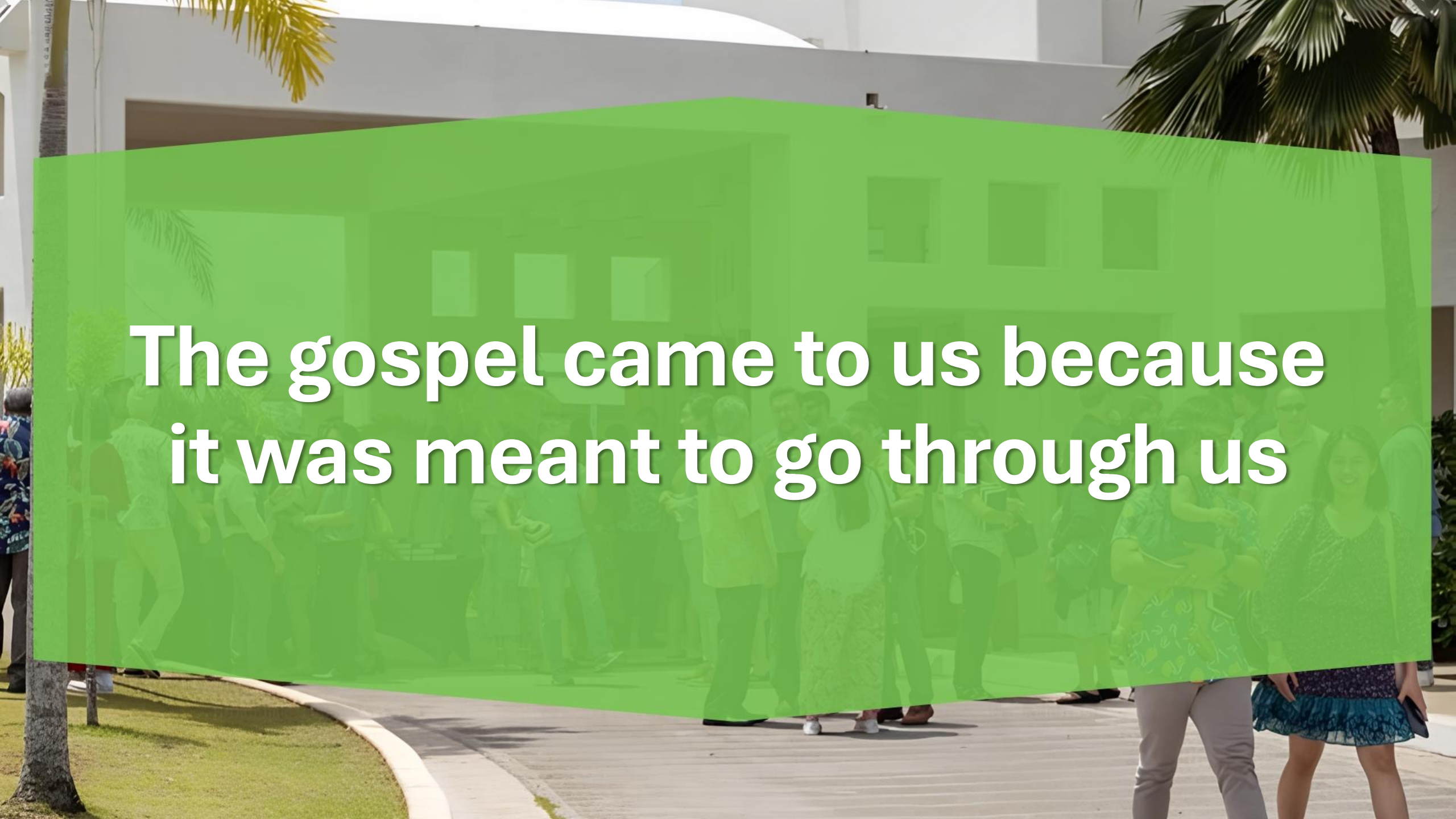
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Across the street Jerusalem

Across cultures Judea

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**The gospel came to us because
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***What if the gospel
stops with you?***

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4. So we pray (*vv. 12-14*).

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