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When God Pierces Your Heart

Acts 2:14-41

Six clear markers that define Biblical preaching:

1. **A life impacting sermon is bathed in prayer** *(1:14)*.
2. **A life impacting sermon is empowered by the Holy Spirit** *(2:1-3)*.
3. **A life impacting sermon is straight-forward** *(2:16-21)*.
4. **A life impacting sermon is Bible-based** *(2:16ff)*.
5. **A life impacting sermon is Christ-centered** *(2:22-36)*.
6. **A life impacting sermon is personally relevant** *(2:22-36)*.

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"pierced to the heart"

CONVICTION

God's conviction in one's life is always about these two things:

1) ***An understanding of what we've done***
2) ***An understanding of what it means***

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"The more I tried to do right, the more I realized how sinful and unable to deal with my own sin."

"[When I] asked Jesus to forgive my sins – to surrender. I totally understood what surrender means … and confessed my sins…I heard almost an audible voice say, "You are forgiven." I felt like a huge load came off of my back. I could fly. It was a glorious moment"

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verb

Speaks of a change of purpose; of turning from sin to God

Complete and total reversal of my direction

Is baptism linked with repentance? *(v. 38)*

1. **Interpretation principle *(analogia scriptura)* – no passage when correctly interpreted, will teach something contradictory to the rest of Scripture** *(John 1:12; John 3:16; Acts 16:31).*
2. **After condemning the ritualistic religion of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus would certainly not have instituted His own.**
3. **Throughout Acts, forgiveness is linked to repentance, not baptism.**

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