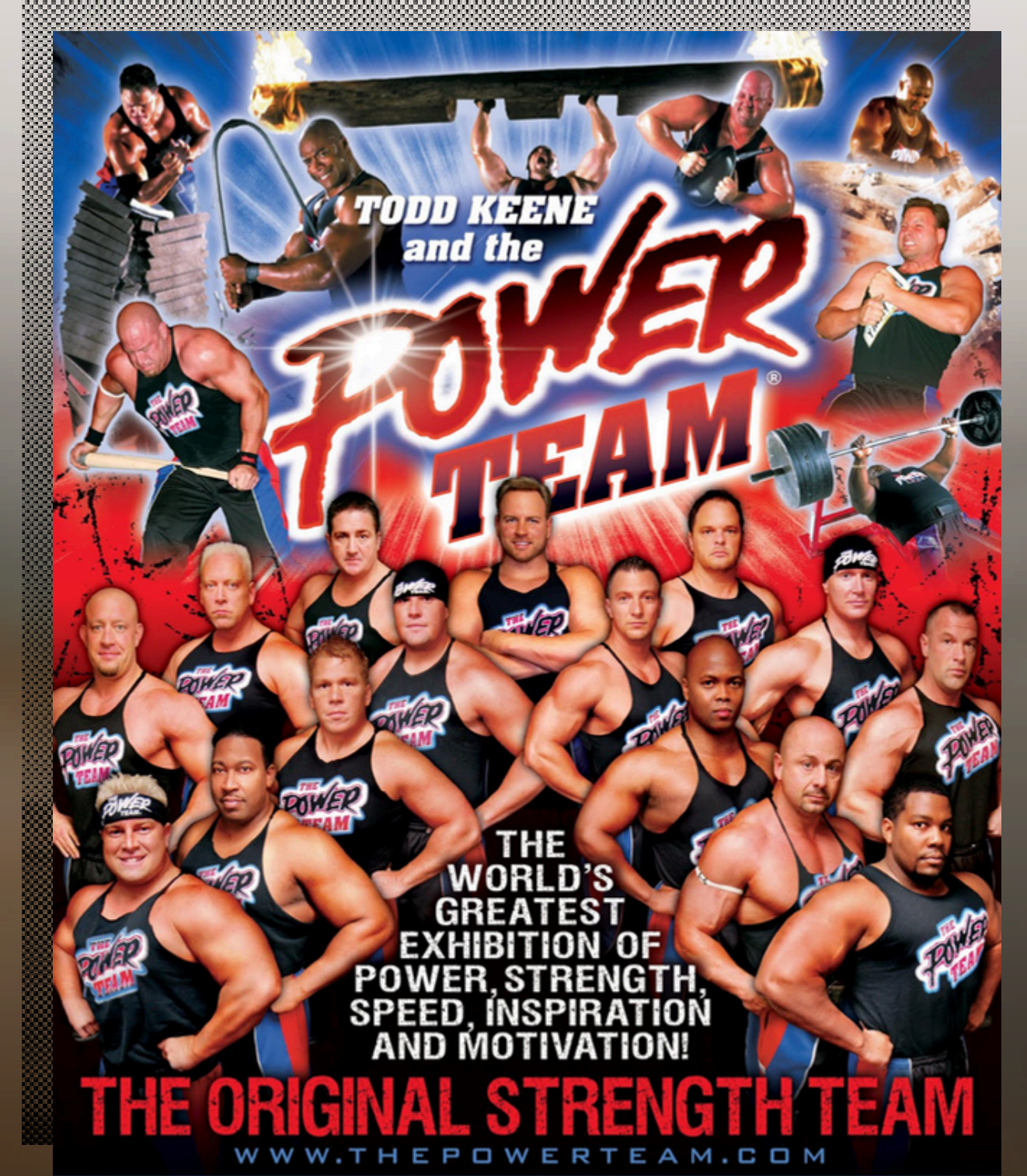


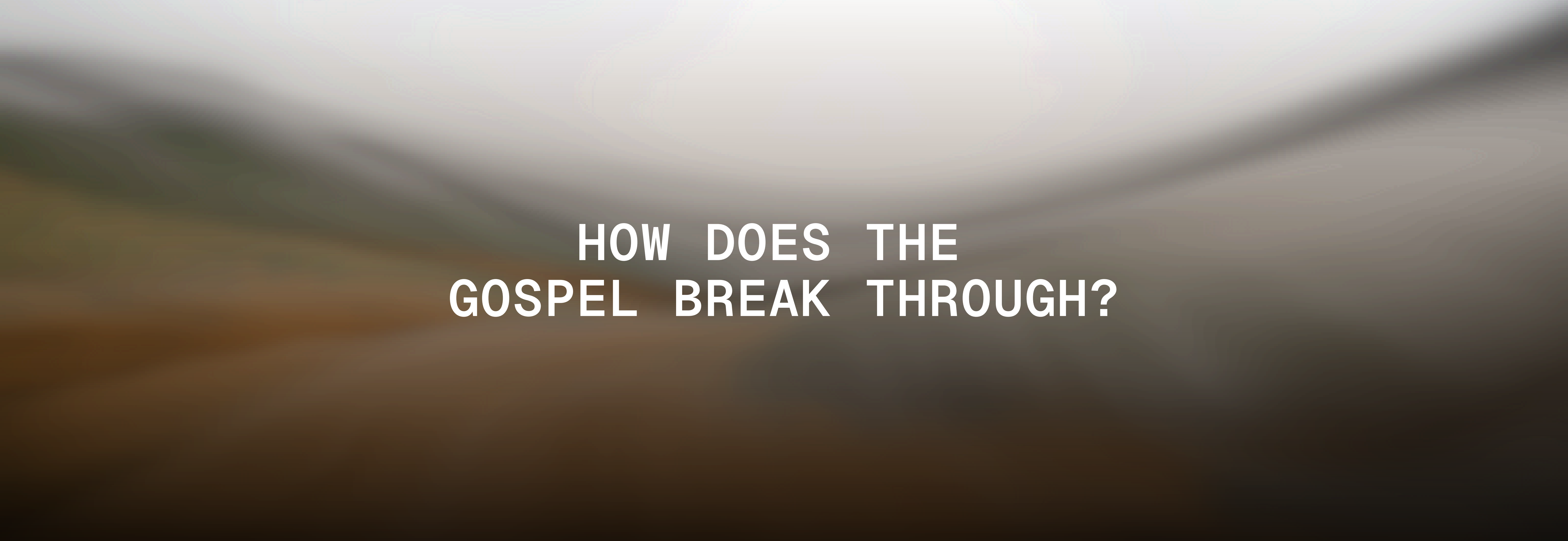
Acts.

Heaven's Gates & Hell's Flames®



Where Will You Be When Reality Strikes?





HOW DOES THE
GOSPEL BREAK THROUGH?



WHAT STOPS HAPPENING

WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN

WHAT STARTS HAPPENING

WHAT HAPPENED

+

↓

+

+

+

+

+

Gospel Breakthrough

WHAT HAPPENS

WHAT STOPS HAPPENING

WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN

WHAT STARTS HAPPENING

WHAT HAPPENED



Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed
the Messiah there.

ACTS 8:5 NIV





When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all **paid close attention** to what he said.

ACTS 8:6 NIV





When the crowds **heard** Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said.

ACTS 8:6 NIV



When the crowds **heard** Philip and **saw** the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said.

ACTS 8:6 NIV

+

+

+

+

+

+

Social
Justice



Truth

+

↓

+

+

+

+

+

Gospel Breakthrough

WHAT HAPPENS

WHAT STOPS HAPPENING

WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN

WHAT STARTS HAPPENING

WHAT HAPPENED



Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great,¹⁰ and all the people, both high and low, **gave him their attention** and exclaimed, “This man is rightly called the Great Power of God.”¹¹ They followed him because he **had amazed** them for a long time with his sorcery.

ACTS 8:9-11 NIV



Now for some time a man named Simon had **practiced sorcery** in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great,¹⁰ and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, “This man is rightly called the Great Power of God.”¹¹ They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his **sorcery**.

ACTS 8:9-11 NIV



The people of Hellenistic antiquity were deeply superstitious and envisioned the universe as brimming with supernatural beings - be they heroes, nymphs, gods, or spirits (daimones) - who could be invoked to help oneself or harm others. Moreover, even the most insignificant events could portend disaster: a donkey braying in the distance, a shoe gnawed by a mouse, or even a sneeze...The common denominator in each was the belief that spirits and supernatural powers could be manipulated to do one's bidding through the correct execution of secret rites and incantations.

MOYER V. HUBBARD



The common denominator in each was the belief that spirits and supernatural powers could be manipulated to do one's bidding through the correct execution of secret rites and incantations.

MOYER V. HUBBARD



But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

ACTS 8:12 NIV



When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money ¹⁹ and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

ACTS 8:18-19 NIV

The common denominator in each was the belief that spirits and supernatural powers could be manipulated to do one's bidding through the correct execution of secret rites and incantations.

MOYER V. HUBBARD



WHAT HAPPENED



But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the **good news of the kingdom of God** and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

ACTS 8:12 NIV



But when they **believed** Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

ACTS 8:12 NIV

+

↓

+

+

+

+

+

Gospel Breakthrough

WHAT HAPPENS

WHAT STOPS HAPPENING

WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN

WHAT STARTS HAPPENING

WHAT HAPPENED





Those who had been scattered preached the word
wherever they went.

ACTS 8:4 NIV



Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there.

¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 8:5, 17 NIV



For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed.

ACTS 8:7 NIV



So there was great joy in that city.

ACTS 8:8 NIV



When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all **paid close attention** to what he said.
¹⁰...and all the people, both high and low, **gave him their attention** and exclaimed, “This man is rightly called the Great Power of God.” ¹¹ They followed him because he had **amazed** them for a long time with his sorcery.

ACTS 8:6, 10-11 NIV



WHAT HAPPENED



But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the **name of Jesus Christ**, they were baptized, both men and women.

ACTS 8:12 NIV



So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.
⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria.

JOHN 4:3-4 NIV



Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

JOHN 4:6-9 NIV



Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

JOHN 4:13-14 NIV



Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “**I am thirsty.**” ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

JOHN 19:28-30 NIV

