



## ***Making a U Turn***

*Acts 2:32-41*

### **Welcome to worship with NewDay!**

We are so grateful you are here, worshipping with us today. We pray you will know Jesus' love for you, and grow closer to Him, and others. At NewDay, we are currently working our way through the book of Acts. Today, we are learning together more about what it means to follow Jesus, and grow together, empowered by the Holy Spirit, as well as how the early church grew and testified boldly of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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### **Sermon Text Acts 2:32-41**

32 This Jesus God raised up. We are all witnesses to that fact. 33 He was exalted to God's right side and received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit. He poured out this Spirit, and you are seeing and hearing the results of his having done so. 34 David didn't ascend into heaven. Yet he says,

The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right side,  
35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet. [Ps 110]

36 "Therefore, let all Israel know beyond question that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

37 When the crowd heard this, they were deeply troubled. They said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

38 Peter replied, "Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will

receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away—as many as the Lord our God invites." 40 With many other words he testified to them and encouraged them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." 41 Those who accepted Peter's message were baptized. God brought about three thousand people into the community on that day.

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### **Sermon Reflection Questions**

Peter explains to the gathered crowd who Jesus is, why He came, His identity as the Messiah (expected anointed One of God), and that He is Lord. God used Peter's boldness and explanation to 'pierce their hearts.' Consider your own Jesus story: When did the Gospel pierce your heart, and you realized you needed Jesus?

Who told you? What was your response?

What has been the result of your heart being 'pierced' as it is worded in Acts 2?

The Greek Word for Repentance is *metanoia μετάνοια*. It means a "change of mind, repentance."

The response of the crowd is a changed mind about Jesus, and then a question of now what?

Reflect on the moment your mind was changed about Jesus, and how your life changed?

What questions do you have about this passage?

Consider areas of your life that God is 'piercing your heart' about as you allow Him to work in your life?

**NOTES:**

What does God bring to mind that you need Him to help you change, or do a U turn?

Consider asking someone to help you with this, by telling them, and seeking accountability.

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**Prayer for NewDay:**

Lord, thank you for loving me, and everyone else so much you gave your life on our behalf. Thank you that you are the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Please work in my heart and mind Holy Spirit. Help me to get out of the way, and allow you to work on the areas that I haven't been willing to give to you.

Open my mind and heart to your truth, and your Word. Remind me of how good it is to do things your way, and how sweet it is to trust in you Jesus!

As I live each day, may I grow closer to you, and closer to others who love you.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

**Scriptures for reflection this week:**

2 Chronicles 7:14

1 John 1

Luke 15

Luke 17:1-5

Psalms 51

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