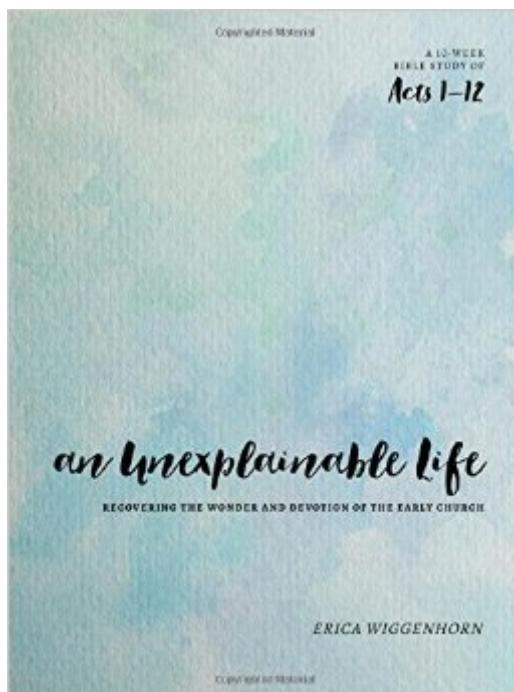


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# An Unexplainable Life: Recovering The Wonder And Devotion Of The Early Church (Acts 1-12)



## **Synopsis**

What can God do with fifty days? In only fifty days Peter was radically transformed. He went from being a man in the shadows denying even knowing Jesus, to a man boldly proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus in the middle of the temple courts. How did the change occur? And more importantly, can such a change occur within us "today, in the here and now? For fifty days, I invite you to dwell in the first twelve chapters of Acts. Here we meet Peter face-to-face and encounter the source of his power. We become challenged to grab hold of that power ourselves, believing that God wants to do something in and through us that is unexplainable apart from Him. Let's give God fifty days and see what He might do. The purpose of this study isn't simply to reiterate a message. (You can find many studies on Acts.) Our purpose is to reignite a movement of the power of the Holy Spirit in each of us individually and in our churches collectively. Are you ready? " Erica Wiggenhorn Participants will enjoy: A verse-by-verse study spread over ten weeks (5 lessons/week) Many biblical, theological, and historical insights Text-based discussion questions that truly provoke thought

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I've not done but a couple of Bible study books in my lifetime. In fact, most of the ones I come across never seem to appeal to me or when I do they aren't very well written and I would put it back on the shelf. Not with this one! From the moment I read the description I knew this one would somehow impact my life, but the little skeptic gremlin in me said hold back on your enthusiasm, it

could be just as well written as the others you've read. So, I waited. I got the book in and from page one it was amazing! In the first week I knew this was the book for me! Each day is filled with Verse-by-verse study. Sure, when some read that you're going to think "boring" or "tedious." But the way this book is set up it's never that. The questions make you think but without being confusing or obscure. You're asked a question and then a verse to find the answer. You see the connection and pieces of God's plan. How they fell into place when Jesus came, died, and resurrected. And this is all in the first week! Other books are short and too simple or too complicated and tedious. An Unexplainable Life is perfectly balanced, it inspires me to further read and search and know the answers. It doesn't let me be lazy by just telling me everything, it turns me straight to the Bible for the answers! I think that's what I love most about this book. Erica doesn't give her interpretation of the Bible and expect you to follow whatever she says, she turns you straight to the Bible, to God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit! I hope she makes more (like a second book on the rest of Acts perhaps!) like this and that they will be just as amazing. I recommend this book to all my friends.

I love to read through the Bible while aided by Bible studies because the author has done some of the work for me. Instead of looking for my own cross-references, I'm able to rely on the author's cross-references, and usually gain some insight to the context of the book as I go along the way. It's been a few years since I studied the book of Acts, so when I received the opportunity to review the new Bible study An Unexplainable Life: Recovering the Wonder and Devotion of the Early Church, I decided to pick it up and start working through it. This book is a ten week Bible study through the first twelve chapters of Acts. The author goes through Acts verse by verse and provides five days of homework for each of the ten weeks. Blissfully, there are no video lectures accompanying the study, although readers are encouraged to go download a deeper discoveries document that helps to link Acts to the Old Testament. Acts can be a difficult book, and many church denominations interpret the book differently, so Wiggenhorn dances a delicate dance to write about and ask questions about various sections of Acts without getting bogged down into different denominational disputes. Instead, she has you clarify, as you go through the book the facts, and then, she makes some applications and has inspirational and devotional thoughts to go along with the passage in question. A personal favorite of mine is the emphasis on the phrase "all that Jesus began to do and teach" in week one. It's amazing to me to think of how Jesus' life as portrayed in Luke was really just the beginning of his work. There are times where I feel like she's a little reaching, such as in her discussion of Ananias and Sapphira as a lecture against covering for your husband's sin.

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