



# Anna's Attitude



# Elsa's Attitude



**When it comes to  
the church I think  
we can see these  
same attitudes when  
it comes to opening up**



**First Time  
in Forever**



**We all  
remember  
firsts**

# **Firsts can be Scary**

**Every time there is a first  
it is accompanied by change**

**For every first there is a last**

**Once something begins  
it very difficult to stop it**

**And usually it leads  
to another first**

# **Firsts can be Scary**



**Some embrace firsts  
with anticipation  
and expectation like  
Anna**

**Others dread it  
and fear it like  
Elsa**







*Parkview*  
**Christian Church**

**A Passion for God and Compassion for People**



**First Time  
in Forever  
The Church**



# **Famous Firsts**

## **The Book of Acts**

**It was written by  
Dr. Luke  
the same author  
of the  
Gospel of Luke**

**The purpose of  
the book was to  
chronicle the spread  
of the gospel from  
Jerusalem to Rome**

# **Why Rome?**

**Rome was the capital  
of the world**

**Epicenter of  
culture and civilization**

**Once the gospel was  
established in Rome  
there would be  
no stopping it**



# **The First Promises (Acts 1:6-10)**

# **The Event**

**We label this event  
the Ascension**

**Its when Jesus leaves earth**

**We know from the  
previous verses we read  
its been 40 days since  
the resurrection**



# **What Changed?**

**Notice the disciples are  
still sort of stuck.**

**They are waiting for their kingdom**

**“But you will receive power  
when the Holy Spirit comes on you”**

**For the first time in forever God and  
Man were about to have an open  
relationship**

# What Changed?

**“You will be my witnesses  
in Jerusalem, and in all Judea  
and Samaria, and to the  
ends of the earth.”**

**Now Jesus is talking of places  
they had never dreamed existed  
let alone going to**

**For the first time in forever  
God's message was portable**

# Jesus Left

**He had told them this  
was coming (Mark 14:7)**

**For the first time in forever  
His ministry was now their mission  
(Matthew 28:19-20)**

**For the first time in forever  
you don't have time to  
stand here gazing at the sky**

# **How does it apply to us?**

**We still receive the Holy Spirit  
when we except Christ**

**We still have a responsibility  
to be a powerful witness**

**We have a mission to take  
the gospel not just to  
where I am comfortable**

**I am  
uncomfortable**

**Where I am not  
liked**

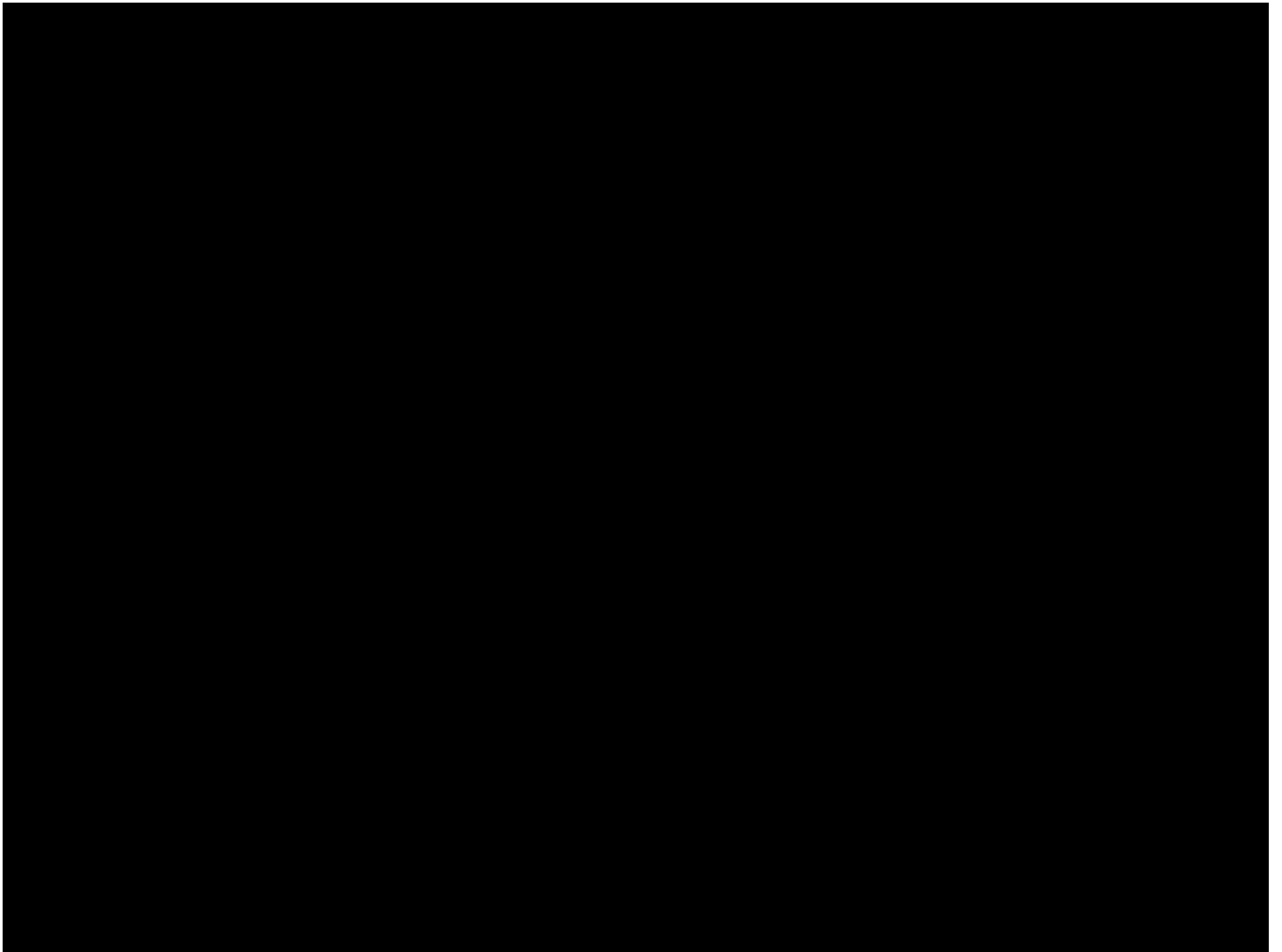
**Where I can not even imagine**

# **For the First time in Forever**

**We need to stop staring at the sky looking for Jesus to return**

**We need to stop being concerned with my eternal destination and start focusing on the eternal destination of others**

**We need to see the church for what it is, a means to spread the gospel not store a harvest**





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