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**YES!**

**1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.**

**4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”**



**6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

**9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”**

**Acts 1:1-11 (ESV)**

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**Acts 1:8**

**This is an organizing verse and theme for the whole book of Acts.**

**Acts 2-7: Jerusalem**  
**Acts 8: Judea and Samaria**  
**Acts 9: Paul's conversion**  
**Acts 10-28: The ends of the earth**

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**“17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.”**

**Ephesians 2:17-18**



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- 4) He puts us in motion.**

**Are you in motion, or are you stagnant?**

The background features a light cream color with a dense pattern of small, irregular gold speckles. Overlaid on this are several large, semi-transparent silhouettes of hands. Some hands are in shades of brown and tan, while others are in a muted blue-grey. The hands are positioned in various orientations, some appearing to be in motion or reaching out.

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