

November 21, 2021
Fear Not the Threats of Man
Acts 4:23-31

Big Idea: Do not fear the threats of man but focus on the mighty wonders of his hand

Acts 4:19-20

19 But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, 20 for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”

John 15:20

20 Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.

“Christianity has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.” G.K. Chesterson

They focused on the mighty wonder of God’s hand.

Acts 4:23-24

23 When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together

1. Wonders of Togetherness.

Acts 4:24-26

Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, 25 who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

“ ‘Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?
26 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed’—

2. The Wonders of Sovereign God.

Sovereign God
A) God Creates

Sovereign God
B) God Reveals

Acts 4:27-28

27 for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

Sovereign God
C) God Decides

Acts 4:29-30

29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

Sovereign God

D) The Request to a Sovereign God

Acts 4:29-30 (up for the second time)

29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

Acts 4:31

31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

3. The Wonders of the Spirit Filled Life.

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