



Acts 4

Persecuted for the Good News

It's Not About Us

Acts 4:8-12

Focus on Jesus – *Acts 3:16, 4:12*

...Instead of focusing on our rights

...Instead of fostering a victim mentality



Don't Stop Spreading the Gospel

Acts 4:17-20

Satan's agenda vs. Jesus' agenda – *Acts 1:8, 4:20*

Requires discretion and prudence – *Matthew 7:6, 10:16*

The lost still need the gospel!



Rely On One Another

Acts 4:23-28

Do we have a spirit of empathy? – *Romans 12:15*

They prayed together – *Acts 4:24*

They took God's perspective together – *Acts 4:25-28, Psalm 2*



Be Bolder, Not Bitter

Acts 4:29-31

Suffering can embitter us – *Hebrews 12:14-15*

Bitterness is poison – *Galatians 5:20*

Boldness is power – *1 Peter 3:13-15, 4:8-10*



So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name.

Acts 5:41 NASB

