

The Church Is Unhindered by Interference

Acts 4:5-31

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It's much easier to complete a task if there are no obstacles in the way. Interference comes in multiple forms: distractions from the task at hand or detention by authorities. After another sermon in the Temple, the religious authorities arrest both Peter and John. Their actions in response to these events reveal how believers are to respond to three types of interference.

I. A _____ (vv. 5-12)

“One day as He was teaching the people in the temple complex and proclaiming the good news, the chief priests and the scribes, with the elders, came up ²and said to Him: ‘Tell us, by what authority are You doing these things? Who is it who gave You this authority?’” Luke 20:1-2

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.” Psalms 118:22

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II. A _____ (vv. 13-22)

“Instead, God has chosen what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen what is weak in the world to shame the strong.” 1 Corinthians 1:27

“The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called Passover, was drawing near. ²The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Him to death, because they were afraid of the people.” Luke 22:1-2

“But if it doesn’t please you to worship Yahweh, choose for yourselves today the one you will worship: the gods your fathers worshiped beyond the Euphrates River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living. As for me and my family, we will worship Yahweh.” Joshua 24:15

“But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the proclamation might be fully made through me and all the Gentiles might hear. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil work and will bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever! Amen.” 2 Timothy 4:17-18

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“For me, living is Christ and dying is gain...
²⁷Just one thing: Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...”
Philippians 1:21, 27a

III. A _____ (vv. 23-31)

“You alone are Yahweh. You created the heavens, the highest heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to all of them, and the heavenly host worships You.” Nehemiah 9:6

“For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.” 2 Timothy 1:7

“... how will we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was first spoken by the Lord and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him. ⁴At the same time, God also testified by signs and wonders, various miracles, and distributions of gifts from the Holy Spirit according to His will.” Hebrews 2:3-4

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