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Acts 4:23-37

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 to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them,

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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'—

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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. 29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,

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30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 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.

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32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. 33 And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

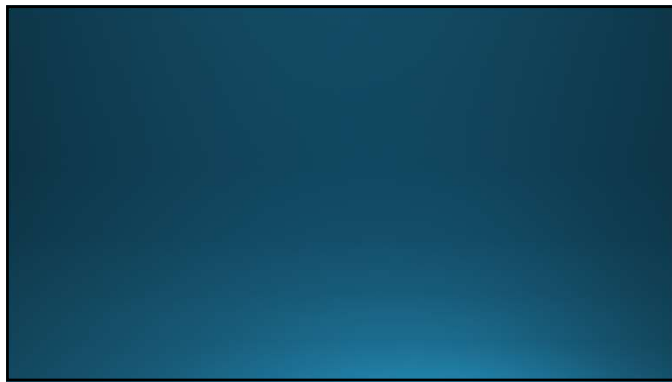
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34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold 35 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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36 Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, 37 sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

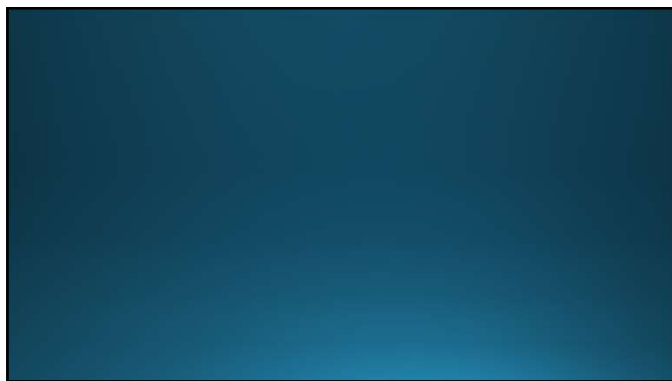
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God is Sovereign in ...

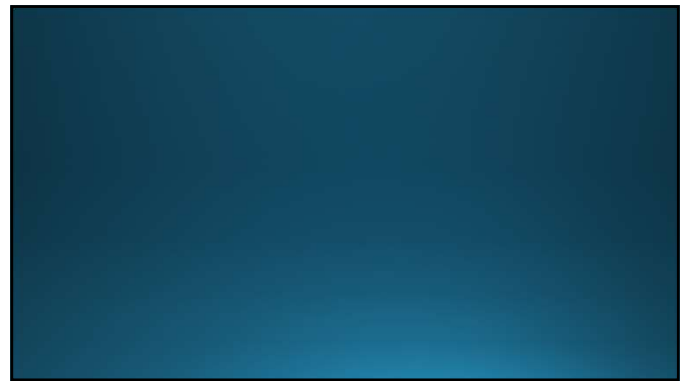
- Creation – v.24
- Revelation – v.25-26
- History – v. 27-28
- Salvation – v.26-28

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Big Idea

Because God is Sovereign...
We react boldly

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Main Point 1:

We react boldly in our
TESTIMONY

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Acts 4:7-12

"By what power or by what name did
you do this?"...

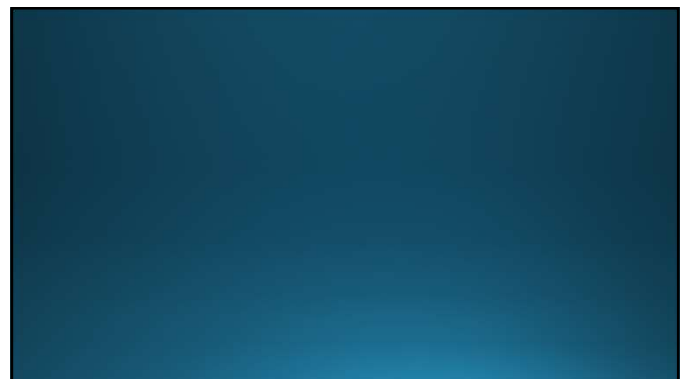
Jesus whom you crucified...

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Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the **boldness**
of Peter and John and perceived
that they were uneducated,
common men, **they were**
astonished.

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Christ-Centered

...by the name of Jesus Christ
of Nazareth (v.10)

No other name...(v.12)

...testimony to resurrection of
Jesus (v.33)

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Truthful

**They reported what happened.
(v.23)**

They interpreted their
circumstances according to the
Biblical narrative. (vv.24-28)

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Spirit-empowered

**Filled with the Holy Spirit
(v.31)**

...much grace was upon
them all (v.33)

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Main Point 2:

**We react boldly in our
PRAYERS**

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Prayer: bold words

...grant to your servants
to continue to **speak your
word with all boldness**
(v.29)

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Prayer: bold deeds

...**heal and perform
wonders in the name of
Jesus** (v.30)

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Redemptive Deeds

**They may come by way of
miracle (Acts 3:7)**
They may come by usual
means of grace (Acts 4:34)

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Main Point 3:

We react boldly in our
GENEROSITY

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Unity – Acts 4:32

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said any of the things that belonged to them was his own, but they had everything in common.

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Sacrifice - Acts 4:34-37

...for as many as.. (v.34)
Joseph (Barnabus) sold a field that belonged to him... (v.37)

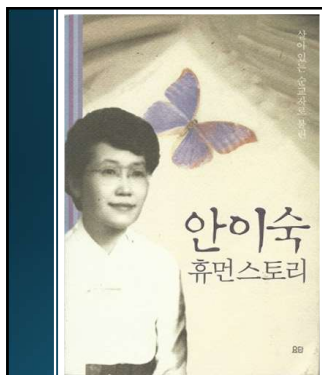
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2 Corinthians 9:6-8

...whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

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Prisoner in
Japan (1939-45)

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