

Sermon Series—Mission Unstoppable—Acts 4: Handling Hostility

Intro: 21st Century Religious Persecution

How to Understand and Respond to Hostility – Acts 4 as our model

Acts 4 – A Scary Setting (4:1-7)

1. Lesson 1 in Handling Hostility: *In the face of persecution The Holy Spirit continues to inspire proclamation about the centrality and uniqueness of Jesus (4:8-12)*

Strengthened by the Spirit

Jesus the Cornerstone

The ONLY name given for salvation

2. Lesson 2 in Handling Hostility: *Hostility will often defy all reasonable logic, but you can rely on the logic of knowing God. (4:16-20)*

Opposition despite undisputed evidence – illogical

THEO-logic – What is right in God's sight? Witness or silence?

3. Lesson 3 in Handling Hostility: *The church prays inspired by God's sovereignty and sustained by Scripture's encouragement. (4:21-31)*

Who is ultimate powerbroker? Talk to Him!

The Scriptures help us understand our experience and shape our prayers

Are you ready to pray this expectantly?