***SERMON NOTES***

**To The Ends of the Earth**

**A Sermon Series Through the Book of Acts**

**“No Other Name”**

**Acts 4: 1 - 31**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were the theological liberals of their day: denying the existence of miracles, the spiritual world, and most notably, the resurrection.**

**The Sadducees desperate for power arrested and locked up the apostles but they couldn’t lock up and arrest the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it keeps going and spreading unchained and unhindered (v 3-4).**

**The work of God cannot be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, no matter the intentions of “powerful” people; that’s what Luke is reminding us here.**

**Peter is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in his flesh to walk through the opportunity given to him to share the gospel. This is what is required of us as well. The Holy Spirit will speak through us when we share the gospel but we must also be obedient in our flesh to share it with others.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ guided the affairs of the world and His people and gave Peter the words through the Holy Spirit.**

**Peter knew that the gospel must not be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and altered no matter how many raged against its truth.**

**A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was a prominent stone that designated and marked a building and gave it particular dignity. The chief cornerstone identified the building, made it distinct, and gave it meaning. Peter says, Christ the stone rejected has – by his very rejection – become the cornerstone of God’s people.**

**Verse twelve is an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a plea, and a call to see the truth of who Jesus is and turn to Him in faith and repentance.**

**There are not many paths and many ways to God. There is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_way (John 14:6). God did not send His son to be killed to be simply one of many ways to Heaven.**

**The same Jesus that made the lame man well will make all well (spiritually); all who call on His name will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The Sanhedrin, for fear of losing power, listened to the opinions of the people. Peter and John listened to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**God commands in His word to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the governing authorities – really any authority over you (Romans 13; 2 Peter 2: 13). However, there is clear limit to this that stops when an authority oversteps their power and commands something counter to what God has said.**

**“Their friends” in verse 23 translates to “their own people”: a community and a people that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them and to which they belong.**

**The early church as we said was devoted to prayer, to each other, and to the apostle’s teaching and we see all that coming alive here in how they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for James and Peter.**

**The first way we minister and care for our suffering brothers and sisters is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for them.**

**The believers here begin their prayer by reminding themselves that their God is in sovereign \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of all things.**

**We minister to and care for our suffering brothers and sisters by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them of the truths of who God is.**

**We care for and minister to our hurting and suffering brothers and sisters by sharing God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with them.**

**God is sovereign and good. He is as good as He is sovereign and as sovereign as He is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The early church prays for God to see their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This is not a selfish request. God is our father who cares for us, who loves us, and who cares for our heart’s deepest hurts.**

**The church knew that the mission of Jesus mattered more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and so they prayed for boldness.**

**Luke shows us here two groups: those who plead for the Lord and those who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against the Lord.**

Blanks: Sadducees; resurrection; gospel; stopped; obedient; Jesus; watered down; cornerstone; invitation; one; saved; people; obey; support; care; pray; control; reminding; Word; good; suffering; comfort; plot;

Congregational Scripture Reading – Psalm 2: 1-4

Why do the nations rageand the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

“Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.