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Part 4

Unhindered

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ICEBREAKER: What activity in life have you had the most success in? What has been the easiest thing for you to accomplish? What is easy for you? (Finding a job, losing a job, building relationships, maintaining a certain hobby, making money, spending money, eating, etc.)

MAIN POINT:

**An Unhindered Faith Requires
Unashamed Followers**

EXPLORATION:

1. Read Matthew 16:16-18. What were the promises God made to Peter and to the church?

(Context Clues - Christ will build the church, He will build it on a rock, Peter will be instrumental in the building of the church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it).

2. Read Acts 1:8. Where does Jesus tell the disciples that they would take the gospel? How do these locations translate to us?

(Context Clues - Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the world. The locations are an ever increasing radius or distance from Jerusalem where they were standing when Jesus said this. For us it could be Demorest, Atlanta, New Orleans, and Kenya).

3. Read Acts 28:30-31. How does this verse describe Paul's life and mission in Rome? What do you think it means that he proclaimed the gospel with boldness and without hindrance (unhindered)? How does this reflect the promise in Matthew about the gates of hell?

(Context clues - Paul could preach and the gospel can go forward unhindered because the gates of hell cannot prevail against the work of God).

APPLICATION:

1. Would you characterize your personal faith as unhindered? Read the following bullet points and discuss whether or not they are reflected in your life and faith?

Is your personal faith:

- Being added to
- Increasing
- Multiplying
- Becoming more obedient
- Growing in peace
- Strengthening in faith
- Being built up
- Walking in the fear and comfort of the Holy Spirit
- Spreading like wild fire
- Prevailing mightily
- Enriched with teaching
- Proclaiming with boldness
- Is it unhindered????

2. Read Hebrews 12:1-2. What could you do to have a more unhindered faith?

(Context Clues - 1. Break ties with any hindrance. 2. Start Running. 3. Run your race 4. Fix your eyes on Him).

3. Pray that the Lord would make the faith of each person in your group unhindered and unstoppable. Pray that God would remove specific hindrances and strongholds.