

sermon notes

November 3, 2019 | Micah Mathis, Lead Pastor at HBC St. Louis South
"The Holy Spirit Gives Boldness" | **Acts 4:23-31**

I. Remember you're not _____. – v. 23-24

Persecution builds:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

When persecution comes remember you are not alone – _____
_____.

II. Remember you're not the _____. – v. 25-28

In God's perfect sovereign hand _____ is merely a tool for _____.

When persecution comes remember you are not the first – _____
_____.

III. Remember you're on a _____. – v. 29-31

Persecution can sometimes stop the _____, but can never stop the _____.

When persecution comes remember you are on a mission – _____
_____.

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

1. REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Acts 4:23-31. How did the church respond to the threat of persecution? What does their response reveal about their view of God and persecution? What do you find unique or challenging about their response?

How did God respond to their prayer? Why did God respond this way and how did this impact the church? How is this the same or different to how you see Christians and church respond to persecution today?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

When is a time in your life when you have been persecuted for your faith (big or small)? How did you respond? How did this impact your view of and relationship with God?

How does the possibility of persecution impact your life and mission for Christ? How does this week's passage challenge you to respond to persecution differently?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

What do you need to do to handle persecution differently in your life? Prepare your mind to remember God is with you? Look to Christ to remember why you are suffering? Pray for boldness to stay on mission and follow Jesus no matter what? What steps do you need to take to achieve this?

4. COMMIT THIS WEEK

One way to prepare our hearts for persecution is to pray with others who are persecuted. Visit www.icommittopray.com this week and pray over some of our persecuted brothers and sisters from around the World. Pray that God would give you and them boldness and faithfulness to withstand persecution.