

Facing Persecution as Jesus' Witnesses—ACTS 4:23–31
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As the mission of Jesus advances in the book of Acts we note the growing persecution of Jesus' witnesses. Today we have all contemplated the growing threat of persecution for believers and wondered how we would respond if our lives or our families were threatened on account of our testimony for Christ. This text directly answers this question by assuring us of the divine resources we can rely on when we must suffer on behalf of Christ.

1. The Sovereignty of God

- a. God creates.
- b. God governs.
- c. God predetermines.

2. The Strength of God.

The strength which God supplies through Christ equips the believer with remarkable blessings:

- a. Perseverance in Ministry
- b. Boldness in Witness

3 The Presence of God.

The presence of God offers several comforting assurances:

- a. God hears us.
- b. God knows our trial.
- c. God works through us.