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2. Find _____
(vv.24b-28)

3. Keep _____
(vv.29-31)

Acts 4:23 When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. **24** And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, **25** who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, " 'Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? **26** The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed'— **27** for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, **28** to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. **29** And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, **30** while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." **31** And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Isaiah 40:12-18**. What difference does it make for you to seriously ponder the incomparable power and greatness of God when you consider the challenge of sharing the gospel with non-Christians?
2. Read **Hebrews 10:32-34**. How does it help you to sympathetically think about the persecution and sufferings that others have (and do) incur when spreading the message of the gospel in our world?
3. Read **Ephesians 6:19-20**. With whom and when will you pray with others about your evangelism? Why do you think adding prayer partners for this is so important?
4. Read **Acts 14:21-22**. How does this forecast serve to strengthen us as Christians?

This Week's Compass 20/20 Discussion Question (see **CompassAV2020.com**)

- Read **Philippians 1:27-30**. Based on this text, craft a few bullet points that can serve as a prayer guide for our Compass 20/20 project this week.

*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*

March 8th

Deut. 5-7 & Mk. 12:1-27

March 9th

Deut. 8-10 & Mk. 12:28-44

March 10th

Deut. 11-13 & Mk. 13:1-13

March 11th

Deut. 14-16 & Mk. 13:14-37

March 12th

Deut. 17-19 & Mk. 14:1-25

March 13th

Deut. 20-22 & Mk. 14:26-50

March 14th

Deut. 23-25 & Mk. 14:51-72

March 15th

Deut. 26-27 & Mk. 15:1-26

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 11-09 – ***Empathy for God's Embattled People***

Msg. 12-04 – ***Learning to Encourage One Another***

Msg. 06-38 – ***Acquiring Strength & Stamina from an Omnipotent God***

Msg. 10-05 – ***Evangelistic Opposition: How to Respond to Objections***

Msg. 12-36 – ***John: God's Leader in Training***

Msg. 14-27 – 14-29 ***The Omnipotent Christ*** (a three-part series on Christ's power)

Msg. 13-02 – 13-05 ***The Harsh But Good News*** (a four-part series on sharing the gospel)

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Bennett, Arthur. ***The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions***. Banner of Truth, 1997.

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Bounds, E. M. ***The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds on Prayer***. Baker Books, 1990.

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Clotfelter, David. ***Sinners in the Hands of a Good God: Reconciling Divine Judgment & Mercy***. Moody Press, 2004.

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Piper, John. ***Let the Nations Be Glad! The Supremacy of God in Missions***. Baker Books, 1993.

Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. ***The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with the People of God***. P & R, 2001.

Sauls, Scott. ***From Weakness to Strength: Vulnerabilities that Can Bring Out the Best in Your Leadership***. Cook, 2017.

Schreiner, Thomas & Bruce Ware. ***Still Sovereign: Perspectives on Election, Foreknowledge & Grace***. Baker, 2000.

Spurgeon, Charles. ***Prayer and Spiritual Warfare***. Whitaker House, 1998.

Tada, Joni Eareckson. ***When God Weeps: Why Our Suffering Matters to the Almighty***. Zondervan, 1997.

Welch, Edward. ***Running Scared: Fear, Worry and the God of Rest***. New Growth Press, 2007.

Wiersbe, Warren, ed. ***Classic Sermons on Suffering***. Kregel Publishing, 1984.