

# Unhindered

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**Big Idea: Christ's reign assures us that His kingdom is unhindered.**

## I. Christ's kingdom overcomes any obstacle. (vv. 17-23)

Paul's *recent* obstacles: Prison | Trials | Riots | Shipwreck | Pain

To the weary: your obstacles are the very outlets through which God has ordained for you to display and declare the gospel.

**Ephesians 6:19-20** | 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

**Philippians 1:12-14** | 12 I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, 13 so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. 14 And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

## II. Christ's kingdom demands our bold investment. (vv. 24-31)

1. A Warning – Is your heart dull to the call of the gospel? (vv. 24-28)

**Galatians 2:20** | I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2. A Challenge – Will you boldly invest in the gospel's advance? (vv. 30-31)

The spread of God's reign and rule does not come by armies or elections but by the Spirit of God working through the church.

**Luke 12:31-34** | 31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. 32 "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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### **Benediction**

**Acts 4:31** | 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.