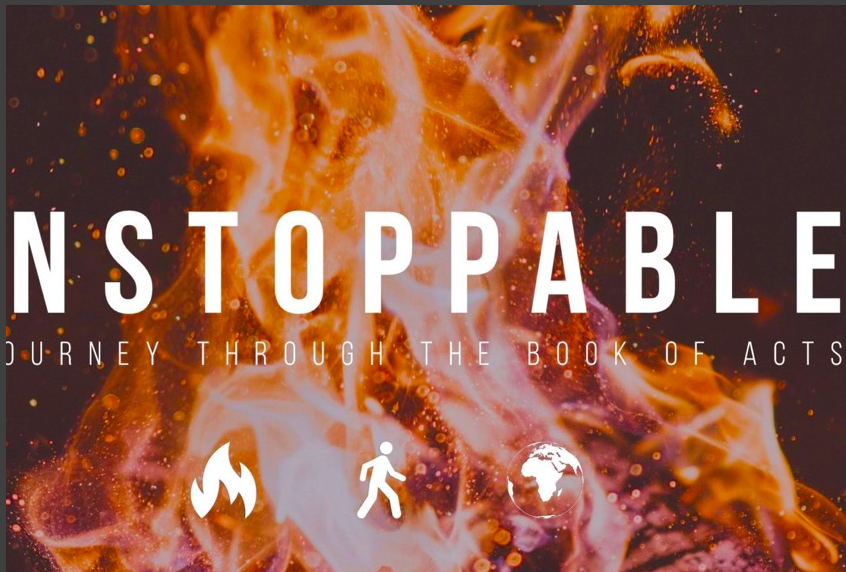


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A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS





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**23 On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God.**

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<sup>24</sup> “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

**Seek God's Face before You Seek His Hand**



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**<sup>25</sup> You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:**

**Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?**

**<sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.**

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What the church did is connect scripture (Psalm 2) to their current circumstance v.27-28

**27 Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.**

**28 They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.**

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# Colossians 1:9-12

**<sup>9</sup> We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives <sup>10</sup> so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup> and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.**

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**"(Lord), *the earth is yours, and everything in it! The world and all who live in it belong to you.* (May many Syrian refugees displaced by war come to find peace with God through the love of Christ)**

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*Then Rev 7:9 (may many Sudanese be numbered with the)*  
**great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands, crying out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."**

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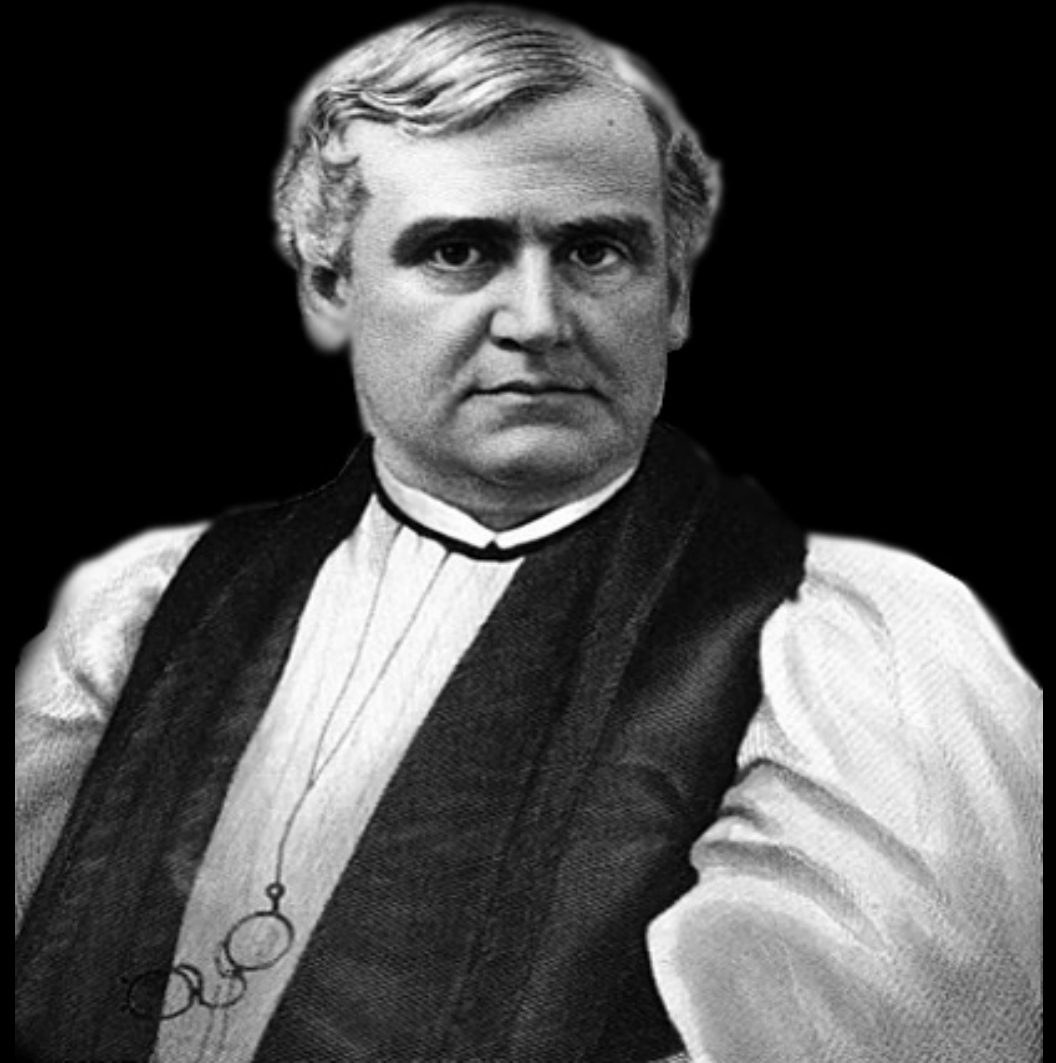
**3. Kingdom-Advancing**

**<sup>29</sup> Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.**

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***"Do not pray for easy lives,  
Pray to be stronger men  
and women.  
Do not pray for tasks equal  
to your powers.  
Pray for powers equal to  
your tasks."***

*Bishop Phillip Brooks*



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# Maintenance Prayer Vs Missional Prayer



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# Faith-Empowered

**<sup>30</sup> Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”**

**<sup>31</sup> After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.**

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Jonathan Edwards writes:

**“I am bold to say that God is now offering the blessing of his Holy Spirit to this town, and I am bold to say that we may have it only for the asking.**

**But if we ask in such a manner that, at the same moment we ask, we show we have no sense of the value of what we ask—if we ask in such a manner as implicitly to ask and deny at the same time--then we have no reason to think that we [have truly asked].”**

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