

The Kingdom Cannot Be Stopped

Acts 12:1-25

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Main Idea

Human power can oppose _____, but it cannot stop _____, dethrone _____, or silence _____.

Key question: *Who is really in charge?*

1. Earthly Power Often Opposes God's Mission *Acts 12:1-5*

Herod's leadership was driven by _____ instead of _____.

Herod trusted political power, state violence, public approval, image management, and _____.

The church had no army or political leverage; it had only _____.

2. We Pray, but the Outcomes Are in God's Hands *Acts 12:5-19*

Prayer is not a technique for controlling God; prayer is _____ upon God.

James dies. Peter lives. Both are faithful. Both belong to _____.

The lesson is: Pray because God _____.

3. God Will Judge Pride That Seeks His Glory *Acts 12:20-23*

Herod's deepest sin is self-_____; he receives _____ that belongs to God.

God's people must never confuse influence with _____.

4. The Word of God CANNOT Be Stopped *Acts 12:24-25*

The point is that the _____ spread and _____.

Herod is temporary; the Word of God is _____.

The church's future depends on the reign of _____, not the possession of _____.

Reflection:

Where do I tend to place my confidence instead of in God?

Think of one thing you can do this week to build faithfulness in God instead of world:

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Main idea

Human power can oppose **God's mission**, but it cannot stop **God's Word**, dethrone **Jesus**, or silence **the church**.

Key question: *Who is really in charge?*

1. Earthly Power Often Opposes God's Mission *Acts 12:1-5*

Herod's leadership was driven by **approval** instead of **faithfulness**.

Herod trusted political power, state violence, public approval, image management, and **intimidation**.

The church had no army or political leverage; it had only **prayer**.

2. God's People Pray While Outcomes Remain in God's Hands *Acts 12:5-19*

Prayer is not a technique for controlling God; prayer is **dependence** upon God.

James dies. Peter lives. Both are faithful. Both belong to **Christ**.

The lesson is: Pray because God **hears**.

3. God Judges the Pride That Seeks His Glory *Acts 12:20-23*

Herod's deepest sin is self-**exaltation**; he receives **glory** that belongs to God.

God's people must never confuse influence with **glory**.

4. The Word of God Cannot Be Stopped *Acts 12:24-25*

The point is that the **Word** spread and **multiplied**.

Herod is temporary; the Word of God is **unstoppable**.

The church's future depends on the reign of **Christ**, not the possession of **power**.

Personal Response

Where am I placing my confidence?

This week I will respond with prayerful faithfulness by: