

## I. Together In Times Of Trouble (23-28)

**A. The church was resisted (23) - “When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them.”**

**B. The church was resilient (24-26) - “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.” **Prayer & Scripture was their refuge****

**C. The church was resting (27-28) - “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.” **As God had previously used man’s evil for His sovereign purpose, He would do it again.****

## II. Together In Power And Proclaiming (29-31)

**A. They prayed for God’s unwavering provision (29) - “And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to Your servants to continue to speak Your word with all boldness...”**

**B. They needed God’s undeniable presence (30) - “While You stretch out Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.”**

**C. They received God’s unparalleled power (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.”**

## III. Together In Selflessness And Sacrifice (32-37)

**A. They shared in purpose (32a) - ““Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul...”**

**B. They shared in providing (32b) - “...and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.”**

**C. They shared in power (33) - “And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.”**

**D. They shared in practice (34-37) - “There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold 35 and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. 36 Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, 37 sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles’ feet.”**