

BEYOND PRESERVATION

Acts 4

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We were not meant to live a life of preservation. God calls us to a life of perseverance.

We persevere through:

1. Knowing that God is always working (Acts 4:1-4)

Life is full of unmet expectations

We can be sure that God is always at work

2. Confessing there is nowhere else to turn (Acts 4:5-12, 19-20)

If Jesus is who he says he is, we cannot go anywhere else (John 6:68-69)

Nothing can bring us life the way Jesus can.

3. Being with Jesus (Acts 4:13)

If we want to live a life full of perseverance we need to be with Jesus.

We can be with Jesus through the scriptures, worship in song, and community

4. Prayers of perseverance (Acts 4:23-31)

So many of our prayers are focused around preservation rather than perseverance

Perseverant prayers:

1. Recognize who God is (vv. 23-28)
2. Ask for boldness (v. 29)
3. Confess our need for God (v. 30)