

## **Acts 4:8-20**

**8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them,  
Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,**

**9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the  
impotent man, by what means he is made whole;**

**10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of  
Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,  
whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead,  
even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.**

**11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you  
builders, which is become the head of the corner.**

**12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is  
none other name under heaven given among men,  
whereby we must be saved.**

## **Acts 4:8-20 - continued**

**13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.**

**14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.**

**15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,**

**16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.**

## **Acts 4:8-20 - continued**

**17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.**

**18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.**

**19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.**

**20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.**

**When You**



**Serving God**

# **I. You Have Sin In Your Life**

## **A. Sin separates from God**

**Isaiah 59:2**

**But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.**

## **B. Sin takes away the desire to serve God**

**Isaiah 64:7**

**And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.**

# **I. You Have Sin In Your Life**

**C. Sin takes your heart farther away than you can imagine**

**Matthew 15:8**

**This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.**

**D. Sin needs to be removed from our lives**

**James 4:8**

**Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.**

# **I. You Have Sin In Your Life**

**E. Look for lasting rewards**

**Hebrews 11:24-26**

**24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;**

**25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;**

**26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.**

## **II. You Have Less Time For God In Your Life**

**A. We need all the time available**

**Ephesians 5:16**

**Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.**

**B. We think that we have all the time in the world**

**Matthew 8:21**

**And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.**



## **II. You Have Less Time For God In Your Life**

**C. We stop thinking about time for God's purpose**

**Haggai 1:2**

**Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.**

**D. Now is the time to change**

**2 Corinthians 6:2**

**(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)**

# **III. You Encounter Opposition In Your Life**

**Acts 4:18**

**And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.**

**A. You do not talk about Jesus**

**John 7:13**

**Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.**

**John 9:22**

**These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.**

# **III. You Encounter Opposition In Your Life**

**B. You want to look like the opposition**

**Galatians 6:12**

**As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.**

**C. You forget the realities of faith**

**2 Timothy 3:12**

**Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.**

## **IV. You Have Different Priorities In Your Life**

### **A. You make excuses**

**Luke 14:17-20**

**17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.**

**18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse.**

**The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.**

**19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.**

**20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.**

## **IV. You Have Different Priorities In Your Life**

### **B. You make exceptions**

**Luke 9:61-62**

**61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.**

**62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.**

**Do Not Stop ... Go**

**Matthew 10:7**

**And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of  
heaven is at hand.**