



KINGDOM COMPASS – PART 1

FEAR & RESENTMENT

ACTS 4

CHOOSE YOUR FEAR: MEN OR GOD

ACTS 4:18-22

Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! ²⁰ As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

²¹ After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. ²² For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

Choose to fear God and be free from fearing the threats of men.

The center of God's will is not a safe place, but the most dangerous place in the world.

God fears nothing and no one. God moves with intentionality and power.

To live outside God's will puts us in danger, but to live in His will makes us dangerous.

-Erwin McManus

CALIBRATE TO CHRIST WITH THE CHURCH

COLOSSIANS 3:1-3

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.** ² **Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.**

³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

ACTS 4:23-31

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. **“Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.** ²⁵ 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?

²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.’

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.** ²⁹ Now, **Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.** ³⁰ **Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”**

³¹ 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.

Acknowledge that God is the maker and ruler of all.

Trust in God’s redemptive plan and purpose.

Allow God to be our protector and defender.

Stay on mission with boldness and power.

For I am convinced that neither fires, nor storms, nor injustice, nor riots, nor COVID-19, nor masks, nor social distancing, nor the outcome of a presidential election, nor anything else in all of 2020 will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- JJ Routley reflecting on Romans 8:38-39