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LOVING



GROWING



SENDING

## Acts 4



# 1. Faithful to Christ

- 22 of 28 chapters in Acts mention suffering

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# 1. Faithful to Christ

...in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

(1 Peter 3:15-16 ESV)

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# 1. Faithful to Christ

- “honor Christ”
  - ↳ how do I honor Christ more than myself?
- “always being prepared”
  - ↳ can I defend the gospel with only the OT & the Gospels?

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# 1. Faithful to Christ

- “asks for a reason”
  - ↳ how, specifically, do I live differently?
- “put to shame”
  - ↳ don’t live a sticky life

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# 1. Faithful to Christ

- numbers matter to God
  - ↳ because numbers represent people

The glory of God is worthy of a great multitude praising him.

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# 1. Faithful to Christ

- numbers matter, but they are not everything
- numbers do not define success, faithfulness defines success

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## 2. Filled with the Spirit

Three ways Luke describes the Spirit's work:

1) indwelling

↳ common to all Christians

↳ cf. Acts 5:32

↳ cf. Acts 13:52

↳ cf. Acts 6:3, 5

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## 2. Filled with the Spirit

Three ways Luke describes the Spirit's work:

2) empowering

↳ special proclamation / speech

↳ cf. Acts 4:8, 31

↳ cf. Acts 13:9 ff

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Three ways Luke describes the Spirit's work:

3) fulfilling

↳ fulfills specific prophecies / promises

↳ “baptized”; “pour out”; “come / fall upon”

↳ cf. Acts 2, 8, 10, 19

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Don't seek the extraordinary;  
live faithfully through the ordinary.

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