

# ACTS



LOVING



GROWING



SENDING

## Acts 25



# Where is God?

## a) God's sovereignty over creation

"...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..." (Acts 4:24 ESV)

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# Where is God?

- a) God's sovereignty over creation
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## a) God's sovereignty over creation

- God's sovereignty is knit together with his love
- God does not abandon us to our sinful, destructive ways

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# Where is God?

- a) God's sovereignty over creation
  - God's sovereignty provides the foundation for prayer

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# Where is God?

## a) God's sovereignty over creation

- God's sovereignty provides the foundation for prayer
- in the mystery of his purposes, God includes your prayers in how he works

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# Where is God?

## b) God's sovereignty over evil

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# Where is God?

c) God's sovereignty over leaders / gov't

"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,<sup>28</sup> to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place."

(Acts 4:27-28 ESV)

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# Where is God?

- c) God's sovereignty over leaders / gov't
  - Jesus & Paul acted with detached indifference

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# Where is God?

- c) God's sovereignty over leaders / gov't
  - Jesus & Paul acted with detached indifference
  - Paul was an ambassador in a foreign country representing the most powerful King

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# Where is God?

## d) God's sovereignty over me

“And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness” (Acts 4:29 ESV)

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# Where is God?

God

God

people &  
circumstances

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