

1 **THE KINGDOM IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

...WE ARE THE PARALLEL SYSTEM

CHAPTER #7

"WHATCHA GONNA DO WHEN THEY COME FOR YOU?"

EQUIPPING EKKLESIA

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2 **ACTS 4:1-37 ESV**

Freedom of Speech and Censorship

3 **ACTS 4:1-37 NKJV**

BIBLE STUDY

1 Introduction

- The background story of Acts 3
- The devil hates all Healing Ministry
- The devil hates the Name of Jesus
- The Kingdom is manifested through healing
- The Kingdom is established through healing
- The Kingdom is expanded through healing
- All true healing is supernatural Power of God
- All real healing is done in the name of Jesus!
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- 2 • Prepare for opposition & persecution vs 1-3
- Christ followers tell TRUTH vs. 7-10
- Point any results to Jesus Christ vs. 11-12
- Practice Peaceful Non-compliance vs. 17-20
- Continue with the mission assignment vs. 21
- Be connected to a Home Congregation vs. 23
- Use the Sword of the Spirit vs. 25-26
- Pray for boldness, signs, & wonders vs. 29-31
- Live in Community of Christ Followers vs. 32-

4 **PRAY FOR**

"BOLDNESS"

- 1 • "The Greek word is *parresia*. This involves more than confidence; it was a free flowing, unrestrained boldness. It can also mean "freedom of Speech." *Parresia* carries nuances that are not easily brought over into English. The person who speaks with *parresia* will say everything that is on his mind with no restraint, flowing out of his heart with confidence. It involves be frank and honest, hiding nothing and speaking directly to the heart. Most often it is used for public speaking. It refers to speech that is not tailored to make everyone happy but to speak truth, in spite of

what that may cost. It is the courage to speak truth into the ears of others. This was reserved for only the highest rank of Greek citizens, not people of other lands or slaves. The right to speak freely was an essential aspect of Athenian democracy. Although it is sometimes associated with negative speech, in this context *parresia* refers to an unrestrained boldness. There was a Greek idiom that said essentially, "if you tell me the truth no matter what that truth turns out to be, I will not punish you." This was known as the Parresiastic Contract." TPT Note on vs 31

- 2 • Boldness, *parrhesia*, Strong's #3954: Outspokenness, unreserved utterance, freedom of speech with frankness, candor, cheerful courage, and the opposite of fear. Here it denotes a divine enablement that comes to ordinary and unprofessional people exhibiting spiritual power and authority. It also refers to a clear presentation of the gospel without being ambiguous or unintelligible. *Parrhesia* is not a human quality but a result of being filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Spirit Filled Life Study Bible notes

5 PRINCIPLES & PRACTICE TO TAKE AWAY

- 1.
1. As the Ekklesia of Christ we are called to be Christ Followers. (He said, "Follow ME")
2. The Church system has failed miserably at Following Christ in healing the sick
3. The Church system has promoted and fostered believer's dependency upon the secular medical profession, and thus has successfully eradicated the supernatural.
4. As the Ekklesia of Christ we must be laying hands on people and praying for the sick.
5. As the Ekklesia of Christ we are called to live in genuine community with one another.
6. The Church system has relegated our involvement in community to two hours of programed, orchestrated, and controlled interaction on Sunday mornings.
7. As the Ekklesia we must be building Communities of Christ Followers everywhere.

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6 CLOSING STATEMENT

"If you have taken the Bootcamp Course and are not in an Ekklesia... you may not have done the Application and the Activation.

We encourage you to go back and take the course over again, and this time do the homework!

An urgent message to everyone currently involved in an Ekklesia:

1. *Focus on strengthening your Community of Christ Followers!
Yours and their survival may depend upon it when they come for you!*
 2. *A tremendous opportunity for healing ministry is being set up for us"*
- Russ

7 NATIONAL PRAYER CALL TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING &

BREAK THE CHAINS OFF TRAFFICKED SURVIVORS

- 1 • Time: Thursdays at 7:00 PM (Eastern)
- Focus: Prayer for the trafficked children
- Leaders: Allan, Russ, Ike & Barbi, & Tam
- Dial In Number: 1-605-562-8400
- Access Code: 2648761 #
- For International Dial In Numbers: [See Our Website](#)
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8 **ACTIVATION TIME**

REGISTER FOR EKKLESIA BOOTCAMP

- Six Weeks of Online Coaching
 - Twelve Training Videos
 - Read One Book
- FREE!

9 **RESTORING THE LOST KINGDOM COUNTY BY COUNTY**

- 3 Modules → Self-paced Learning
- Module #1: Restoring the Foundations - Thomas Pierce
- Module #2: Possessing The Gates - Russ Wagner
- Module #3: Deploying the Army - Kevin Bushey

10 **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- SkippyDeeDooDah: Fundraiser for Chain Breaker Team May 7, 3-6 p.m. Sarasota, FL
- BardsFest East: Sept. 2-3, Plymouth, MA. OKM: Communities of Christ Followers
- Youth Version of Equipping Ekklesia: *More Than Conquerors* Broadcast begins 4.24.22
- Coach Owens needs a volunteer to be Moderator for the Q & A and assist with the Broadcast
- Freedom House Ekklesia, N.D. (girls home) needs volunteers for drywall, painting, etc.
- Chain Breaker Team needs an Education Administrator (email: OKMHomeOffice@gmail.com)