

I. A PRAYING COMMUNITY (ACTS 4:23–31)

- A. Prayer with Praise (**Acts 4:23–24**)

- B. Prayer with Proclamation of the Word (**Acts 4:25–28**)
 - 1. Confidence in God's sovereignty

- C. Pray that the Gospel Would Go Forward (**Acts 4:29–30**)

- D. Praying in the Spirit (**Acts 4:31; Ephesians 6:18**)

II. A UNIFIED COMMUNITY (ACTS 4:32–33)

- A. Unity is rooted in our common salvation (**Jude 3**)

- B. Unity is a sign of maturity rooted in the Gospel (**Ephesians 4:13**)

- C. Unity involves being a peacemaker (**Romans 12:18; Hebrews 12:14; Colossians 3:15**)

- D. Unity is beautiful in the eyes of God (**Psalms 133**)

- E. Jesus prayed that believers would be unified (**John 17:11, 21–23**)

- F. Unity within the body is a glimpse of heaven (**Revelation 7:9–10**)

III. A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY (ACTS 4:34–37)

- A. The example of Barnabas
 - 1. In Giving (**Acts 4:34–35**)
 - a. Cheerful giving (**2 Corinthians 9:7**)

 - 2. In Encouragement (**Acts 4:36–37; 1 Thessalonians 4:18; Hebrews 3:13, 10:25**)
 - a. Encourage the body by using your spiritual gifts (**1 Peter 4:10**)

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. Read verses 24–28. When in times of crisis, why is it vital to focus on the sovereignty of God? How does knowing God’s Word and understanding theology help with handling hardships?

2. Do you agree that you are who your friends are? Why?

3. How significant are our horizontal relationships in our spiritual walk? How do fellowship and serving others contribute to our spiritual growth?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD *(CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)*

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| Good | Wise | Wrathful | Merciful |
| Just | Jealous | Faithful | Perfect |
| Holy | Gracious | Patient | Love |
| Other: | | | |

KEY WORDS *(WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)*

Intercession –
Praying in the Spirit –
Unity –
Fellowship –
Encouragement –

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD