

## Sermon Text Discussion 4/15/2018

Speaking with Boldness, Unhindered

Acts 28:11-31

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### Overview

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The Book of Acts seems to conclude in an abrupt manner. The previous chapters have been building to the moment of Paul's testimony to Caesar. Yet we don't read of Paul's defense; we don't hear his verdict; we don't hear of his release. Why did Luke not include these? It seems like the purpose of this text is to show us that the story of Acts is open-ended. It ends with a "to be continued..." but we're not waiting for another book. Because the story continues onward through history, and it continues with us today. This text exists to show us that the gospel which spread through the first Christians continues to spread through us. And now it's our turn.

1. To All Nations (v. 11-16) Paul came to Rome with the encouragement of the Christian community and as the fulfillment of his mission.
2. From All of Scripture (v. 17-29) Paul explained from all of scripture who Jesus is and what he did.
3. With All Boldness (v. 30-31). Paul shared the gospel with patience, clarity, hospitality, and boldness.

### Quotations

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*"You know what the key to evangelism in the 21st century will be, don't you? Hospitality"*  
Steve Childers

### Understanding & Application

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- 1) What was your response in reading the conclusion of the Book of Acts and discovering its abrupt ending? How does it transfer your attention from interest and curiosity about Paul to your own life and responsibility?
- 2) Paul was deeply encouraged in his mission by the Christian community. How can our group be an encouragement to one another as we are on mission ourselves?
- 3) Respond to the statement that the key to contemporary evangelism is hospitality. What is it like for you to attempt to engage in hospitality with non-believers?
- 4) Jesus promised that his people would reach the ends of the earth with his message of salvation. How has he involved you in his global mission? Are you being prompted in additional or new ways to engage in his work to the ends of the earth?
- 5) In your relationships with non-Christians, how do you think the Lord would like you to respond with more patience.....clarity.....boldness

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