

SENT series
Week 11 outline
7.31.22
Acts 28:11-31

HOW A MESSAGE BECAME A MOVEMENT

An Eternal Hope, A Final Plea, A Lasting Promise

I. An Eternal Hope: Jesus (vs 11-20)

"it is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain"-vs20

- Wk1: The Message is the Gospel. It captivates, unifies, and calls us.
- Wk2: It's God's plan to save sinners. He makes us new people with a new purpose in Christ.
- Wk3: His Plan: Jesus + Nothing = Everything!
- Wk4: That means it's for ALL people, in ALL circumstances, with ALL power.
- Wk5: So GO! We see the need, seek to understand, live with sincerity, and show up
- Wk6: Through the context of a Gospel community He calls: Church
- Wk7: It's only possible through the gift of the Holy Spirit IN us.
He's not an option, He's a necessity
- Wk8: So be a community sent with one mission and one message:
Creating opportunities to see, hear, and respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Wk9: It's a story that's worth telling because it's a story less about us and more about Him.
- Wk10: And remember... God is good. Amid the storms, sufferings, and
circumstances life brings, He is faithful.

"ACTS ISN'T ABOUT A BIOGRAPHY OF A MAN NAMED PAUL, OR EVEN ABOUT THE EARLY CHURCH. IT'S THE STORY OF JESUS REACHING THE NATIONS WITH HIS WORD" - K. DeYoung

II. A Final Warning: Calloused Hearts (vs 21-27)

A. Calloused Hearts, Deaf Ears ,Blind Eyes

1. Calloused hearts make us hard of hearing
-it causes us to miss what God is telling us through His word
2. Calloused hearts make us close our eyes
-it causes us to become blind to what He's doing in our lives and the lives of others around us.
3. Calloused hearts don't only cause us to misunderstand what God is doing, they cause us to forget what He has already done (Mark 8:17-21)

17 Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? 18 Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember?

B. What Causes Calloused Hearts?

1- Sin's deceitfulness (Hebrews 3:12-15)

"so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness"

HARD HEARTS ARE CAUSED BY UNREPENTED SIN AND CAN HINDER OUR ABILITY TO SEE,
HEAR, AND UNDERSTAND THE GOSPEL

C. How does God Heal Calloused Hearts? (Psalm 51:1-12)

1. We Remember (51:1-2)

-that God is merciful, loving, and compassionate

2. We Acknowledge (51:3-4)

-that He is the only holy and rightful judge

3. We Confess (51:4-6)

-our sins against Him

4. We Receive (51:7-11)

-forgiveness through the finished work of Christ on the cross

5. We Rejoice (51:12)

-in His promise of restoration and salvation

III. A Lasting Promise... Salvation Sent (vs 28-31)

"Therefore... Salvation has been sent and they will listen"- Acts 28:28

A. God is faithful. God is Just. God is Forgiving.

-1 John 1:9

HIS PROMISE: IF WE CONFESS OUR SIN, GOD IS FAITHFUL AND JUST
AND WILL FORGIVE US AND PURIFY US

B. God gives us new hearts with new spirits. He gives us His Spirit and moves us

-Ezekiel 36:24-28

HIS PROMISE: TRANSFORMATION
HE GIVES US NEW HEARTS ALONG WITH NEW SPIRITS;
REPLACING OUR HEART OF STONE WITH HEARTS OF FLESH