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SPIRIT-FILLED PASSION

Acts 7:54-8:4

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FOUR QUESTIONS:

WILL WE CHOOSE MISSION OVER **MAINTENANCE** IN THE CHURCH?

- The church is NOT about **settling** for a routine, monotonous motion of religious activity.
- The church is about **sacrificing** every facet of our lives to make the salvation of Christ known in all nations.
- Take a map of Birmingham and the world and ask:
 - ▶ How will I **pray**?
 - ▶ How will I **study**?
 - ▶ How will I **give**?
 - ▶ How will I **go**?
 - ▶ How will I **mobilize**?

IS OUR WORSHIP DRIVEN BY A GOD-CENTERED PASSION OR A MAN-CENTERED **PRODUCTION**?

- We think worship happens at **our** place on **our** terms for **our** glory.
- True worship...
 - ▶ **Sees** the glory of God in Christ.
 - ▶ **Proclaims** the goodness of God in Christ.

WILL WE EMBRACE **SUFFERING** AS THE PRIMARY MEANS FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL ON EARTH?

- God ordains for our lives to **mirror** the sufferings of Christ.
- God's **strategy** for redeeming the world to Himself: a suffering servant.
- God's strategy has **NOT** changed.

IS THIS MISSION UNSTOPPABLE ENOUGH TO **DIE** FOR?

- Satan's strategy to stop the church actually serves to **advance** the church.
- **Nothing** will stop this mission.

FOUR CHALLENGES:

- Get involved **personally** and practically in the mission of the church.
- Repent of self-centered worship that never leads to the proclamation of the Gospel.
- Embrace **suffering** as a means for accomplishing the Great Commission in your life.
- Die **daily** to yourself and to this world that you might gain Christ and make His glory known.



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