

# Acts 4:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

## Analysis

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The phrase 'being let go, they went to their own company' shows the early church's cohesive community - believers sought each other for support and prayer. The Greek 'idios' (their own) emphasizes belonging and shared identity. 'Reported all that the chief priests and elders had said' demonstrates transparency and collective processing of persecution. This pattern establishes church's corporate nature - suffering shared rather than borne alone.

## Historical Context

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The Jerusalem church met in homes (Acts 2:46) for prayer, teaching, and fellowship. Persecution intensified community bonds as believers supported threatened members. This 'own company' would later be forced from Jerusalem (Acts 8:1), spreading gospel throughout the empire.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does returning to 'your own company' strengthen resilience under persecution?
2. What role does transparent sharing of trials play in maintaining authentic Christian community?

## Interlinear Text

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| Ἀπολυθέντες          | δὲ                | ἦλθον              | πρὸς         | τοὺς  | ἰδίους                         | καὶ                |
| being let go<br>G630 | And<br>G1161      | they went<br>G2064 | to<br>G4314  | G3588 | their own company<br>G2398     | and<br>G2532       |
| ἀπήγγειλαν           | ὅσα               | πρὸς               | αὐτοὺς       | οἱ    | ἀρχιερεῖς                      | καὶ οἱ             |
| reported<br>G518     | all<br>G3745      | to<br>G4314        | them<br>G846 | G3588 | that the chief priests<br>G749 | and<br>G2532 G3588 |
| πρεσβύτεροι          | εἶπον             |                    |              |       |                                |                    |
| elders<br>G4245      | had said<br>G2036 |                    |              |       |                                |                    |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 119:63** (Parallel theme): I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

**Psalms 16:3** (Parallel theme): But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

**Psalms 42:4** (Parallel theme): When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

**Proverbs 13:20** (Parallel theme): He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

**Malachi 3:16** (Parallel theme): Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was

written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

**Acts 16:40** (Parallel theme): And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

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