

Acts 4:23–31 (NIV)

The Believers Pray



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“ ‘Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord
and against his anointed one.’

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Bold Prayers

- WHAT YOU PRAY FOR REFLECTS WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT GOD.

WHAT DID YOU PRAY ABOUT LAST WEEK?

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TWO BOLD PRAYERS

- PRAY FOR **BOLDNESS**

Now, Lord, **consider their threats** and enable your servants **to speak your word with great boldness**. Acts 4:29

- PRAY FOR **MIRACLES**

Stretch out your hand to heal and perform **miraculous signs and wonders** through the name of your holy servant **Jesus**." Acts 4:30

After they **prayed**, the place where they were meeting **was shaken**. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and **spoke the word of God boldly**. Acts 4:31

WORD SEARCH

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ANOINTED
EARTH
HAND
LORD
SAID
SPIRIT

BOLDNESS
GATHERED
HOLY
PEOPLES
SERVANT
TOGETHER

CONTINUE
GENTILES
JESUS
PLACE
SPEAK
WHEN

Think through the message during the week. These points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

- What's one of the most miraculous things you've ever seen or heard about?

With your Bible, read Acts 4:23-37.

In this passage, Peter and John prayed bold prayers before God that led to bold results.

- How would you describe the way you typically pray?
In what ways do your prayers reflect what you believe about God?
- What stood out to you about bold prayers after reading Peter and John's prayers in Acts 4?
- When was the last time you were amazed by the power of prayer?
How did that experience affect your relationship with God?
- In what ways have you seen the power of bold prayers build your faith in Christ?
- Why do you think prayers become bolder when they are prayed together in a group?
- What's keeping you from changing your selfish and small prayers into bold prayers?
- What bold prayers do you need to start praying today?

- Peter and John's prayers led to bold results.
What bold results would you like to see come from your bold prayers?
- What impact do you think it would have on our church if everyone began praying bold prayers?

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