

Power in Prayer  
Acts 4:23-31  
November 21, 2021

- Release from Prison – 23
- Response: Prayer – 24-30
  - God's character – Sovereign, Master/ King, powerful
  - God's Word – Prophetic words of your servant David (Psalm 2)
    - They rage and plot in vain.
    - Take a stand against the Lord and his Anointed/ Messiah...
    - Recap – Herod, Pilate, Israel all conspired against Jesus... but they only did what the Lord allowed – fulfilled the divine plan!
  - Request: Consider their threats & enable us to speak with boldness/ courage
    - They did not call down fire from heaven to destroy their enemies (Seek Luke 9:51-56).
    - Did not pray for deliverance! (see Isaiah 37:16-20)
    - They did not pray for protection – they asked for power to speak boldly.
    - The request is for the hand of God to work in the life of the church, and not the hand of man trying to do the work of God!
    - They wanted to glorify God's Servant – Jesus. He was foremost!
- Reply: God's Answer – 31
  - Place was shaken!
    - See Exodus 19:18 & Isaiah 6:4
  - They were filled with the Holy Spirit
  - (As a result) spoke the word of God with courage/boldness/ fearlessness!

Application:

- Who is your focus in prayer?
  - Me, me, me or HIM?
- What are you praying for?
  - To be comfortable?
  - To be bold?