

Acts 4:23-37 2026 – “PRAYER FOR BOLDNESS” – SHARING IN ALL THINGS!

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ACTS 4:21-22; *So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done. [22] For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.*

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[23] And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. [24] So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, [25] who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: 'WHY DID THE NATIONS RAGE, AND THE PEOPLE PLOT VAIN THINGS? Act 4:26 THE KINGS OF THE EARTH TOOK THEIR STAND, AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST THE LORD AND AGAINST HIS CHRIST.' [27] "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together [28] to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. [29] Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, [30] by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." [31] And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

They Had Everything in Common - *[32] Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. [33] And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. [34] Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold (notice, they were not told to do this), [35] and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. [36] And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, [37] having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.*

SUMMARY: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE PRAY? - Acts 4:23-37 – A great example of prayer/praying for us!

- **Peter and John experienced great victory in boldly praying** for the healing of the lame man.
- **What really was the secret of their success? The Christians of the early church knew how to pray** so that God's hand could work in mighty power.
- **We aren't told here that they all got together, painted signs, and went down and protested** in front of the temple, but they went to God. **They took it to prayer.** We can do much more through prayer than we can through public kinds of demonstrations.
- **It is much better to pray. They prayed.** It was definitely wrong, the threats that were made to them. So, they are praying about it.
- **Their prayer is a great model** for prayer. Prayer is not an escape from responsibility; **it is our *response to God's ability.***
- **True prayer energizes us for service and battle.** We need to pray according to the plan of God! In their petition to the Lord, they recognized the greatness of God! He is in control!
- **Give us the boldness Lord! One of the results of their prayer** was that the place was shaken! They did pray they were filled with the Holy Spirit.
- **Are you bold in your sharing** the message of Jesus Christ?
- **Notice the wonderful *koinonia*,** their hearts were bound together!

PRAY TODAY FOR: *(1Ti 2:1-4) Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, [2] for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. [3] For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, [4] who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

(Gen 19:29) And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. **How effective is your prayer life?**
2. **Is prayer your first resource or your last resort?**
3. **Would you like to see great power of God in these last days?**
4. **What do we need to do?**