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Acts 4:23-31

A crazy bold prayer.

Built on:

- An undergirding conviction of the absolute sovereignty of God.
- Opposition and threats are nothing new.
- Assurance of God's overruling. (dominance/mastery)
- Bold prayer built on a rock solid foundation.

God's response is a filing of his Spirit.

Evaluate my prayers -

Q: What do I want?

- Do you want to change?
- Be healed?
- Break the yoke of unforgiveness?
- Boldness to speak of Jesus?
- Opportunity to tell your story?

*Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>*

Looking back over what Jeff talked about on Sunday, was there something you'd like to share?

What is one of the boldest prayers you've prayed? What happened? What can be a barrier to talking with God about the deepest things in your life?

**Connect to God's story**

*Take a moment to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion as you read the Scriptures together.*

**Read Acts 4:23-31.**

*When Peter and John explained what happened they all raised their voices in prayer. Why do you think this was their reaction? Do you respond to difficulty in this way? Why or why not?*

Why would the believers recount details about who God is as they began to pray? How does magnifying God in this way help you with really hard problems you may be facing?

How does recounting the sovereignty of God (v. 27-28) help embolden the believers? How does recounting the faithful works of the Lord in your life help you as you pray? Does this help you trust the Lord when you don't know the outcome?

What did they ask the Lord to do? Why is there an emphasis on the name of Jesus over these first few chapters in the book?

When you face resistance in your life, what do you tend to pray about? How does this passage challenge you?

Have you prayed for boldness to share with others about the wonderful things Jesus has done in your life? What might happen if you did?

How do your limitations limit your prayer? How can spending time in prayer help you see the work of God in your life?

What are some specific areas you need boldness in currently? How can we best pray for each other in this coming week?

*As you pray for each other, share with the group the one person you are praying for to invite to Easter on April 5<sup>th</sup>.*

## THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

*Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).*

Here's how we accomplish this in our community throughout the week:

### SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

### STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life by following Jesus.

### SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

### SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the Life Group session, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways the Father has designed you to serve and make a difference in His kingdom as He conforms you to the image of His Son! (Romans 8:28-30)