

Church – The Beginnings, Part 11

Healing at the Temple – Part 4

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Healing at the Temple – Part 4 – Bold, Evangelistic, Gospel-Spreading Prayer

- 1. (Review) The Response of Peter and John: (Acts 4:8-13; 19-20)**
 - a. Powerful – in the Power of the Holy Spirit**
 - b. Bold – Strong, Courageous, Steadfast regardless of pressure to compromise**
 - c. Articulate – Acts 4:13 – “they realized that they had been with Jesus ...”**
 - d. Factual – “... Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised ...”**
 - e. Persuasive**
- 2. (Review) The Response of the Community of Faith (i.e.: the church) – Acts 4:23-31**
 - a. Prayer:**
 - i. Recalling God’s Promises, the Human Threats, God’s Faithfulness**
 - ii. Petitioning God to Empower them to Preach the Gospel with all Boldness while Trusting in God to perform Miracles to CONFIRM His Word (Heb. 2:3-4)**
 - b. Preaching God’s Word – Boldly, in the Power of the Holy Spirit**
(notice: The Disciples (Christians) spread the Word of God (that was their part) and God did His Part → The Miraculous to Confirm His Word [Hebrews 2:3-4])
- 3. Deeper Analysis – Praying Evangelistically - the “Why, What, How”:**
 - a. Jesus’ Commands us to Pray, Evangelistically:**
 - i. Matthew 9:35-38 (HCSB)**
 - ii. Luke 10:1-2 – Preparing the 70 (HCSB)**
 - iii. Matthew 6:9-10 (→ Name, Kingdom, Will) [ref. Psalm 119:89 - NKJV]**
 - b. Apostolic Examples:**
 - i. Ephesians 6:18-20 → Praying for the Body of Christ (world-wide) & Missionaries**
 - ii. Colossians 4:2-6 → Praying for Missionaries and for us, Locally → Outreach**
- 4. How should this affect you, personally? How should this affect us, as New LIFE Fellowship?**

Acts 4:19-31 (NLT):

¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, “Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? ²⁰ We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.”

²¹ The council then threatened them further, but they finally let them go because they didn’t know how to punish them without starting a riot. For everyone was praising God ²² for this miraculous sign—the healing of a man who had been lame for more than forty years.

²³ As soon as they were freed, Peter and John returned to the other believers and **told them** what the leading priests and elders had said. ²⁴ **When they heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices TOGETHER in PRAYER to God: “O Sovereign LORD, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them —** ²⁵ **You spoke long ago by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, Your servant, saying,**

‘Why were the nations so angry? Why did they waste their time with futile plans?

²⁶ **The kings of the earth prepared for battle; the rulers gathered together against the LORD and against His Messiah.’** (*ref. Psalm 2:1-3*)

²⁷ **“In fact, this has happened here in this very city! For Herod Antipas, Pontius Pilate the governor, the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were all united against Jesus, Your Holy Servant, whom You Anointed. ²⁸ But everything they did was determined beforehand according to Your will. ²⁹ And NOW, O LORD, HEAR their threats, and GIVE US, Your servants, GREAT BOLDNESS in PREACHING Your Word. ³⁰ Stretch out Your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the Name of Your Holy Servant Jesus.”**

³¹ **After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the Word of God with boldness.**