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Church – The Beginnings, Part 11

Healing at the Temple – Acts 4:19-31 - Part 4



1. 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. 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])



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For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. ² For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, ³ how will we escape if we neglect so great a SALVATION? After it was at the FIRST SPOKEN through the LORD (Jesus Christ), it was CONFIRMED to us by those who heard (*i.e. the Apostles*), ⁴ God also TESTIFYING (*i.e.: BEARING WITNESS*) with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will. (Hebrews 2:1-4)

God Miracles are given to Confirm, to Prove God's Word is True and Real – that God's Word is Trustworthy

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a. Jesus’ Commands us to Pray, Evangelistically:

- i. **Matthew 9:35-38** – Then Jesus went to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When He saw the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were weary and worn out, like sheep without a shepherd.³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. ³⁸Therefore, **PRAY** to the LORD of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”



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- ii. Luke 10:1-2 – After this, the LORD appointed 70 others, and He sent them ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place where He Himself was about to go. ² He told them: “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, **PRAY** to the LORD of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”



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iii. Matt. 6:9-10 - (→ Name, Kingdom, Will) –
Therefore, you should **PRAY** like this:

Our Father in heaven,

May Your **NAME** be made Holy,

¹⁰ May Your **KINGDOM** come,

May Your **WILL** be done

here **ON Earth AS** it is in Heaven



Compare with Psalm 119:89

Forever, **O LORD, Your Word** is settled in heaven.

God’s **NAME** is always **HOLY** in Heaven

God’s **KINGDOM** is always **RULING** in Heaven

God’s **WILL** is always **DONE** in Heaven

Only by **Embracing the Gospel of Christ** can this be True on Here on Earth

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i. **Ephesians 6:18-20** → Praying for the Body of Christ (world-wide) & Missionaries:

Pray at all times in the Spirit **with every** prayer **and** request, **and stay alert in this with all** perseverance **and** intercession **for all the saints** (*i.e. The world-wide Body of Christ and the local church*). ¹⁹ Pray also for me (*i.e. the apostle Paul, a Missionary*), that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with **BOLDNESS** the mystery of the Gospel. ²⁰ For this I am an **ambassador in chains**. Pray that I might be **BOLD ENOUGH** in Him to **SPEAK AS I SHOULD**.

We are to pray for the local church, all Christians, all real Christian churches world-wide, and for Missionaries – **for the Gospel’s sake ...** so that the Gospel will spread more and more

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- ii. **Colossians 4:2-6** → Praying for Missionaries and for us,
Locally → Outreach

Devote **yourselves to prayer, keeping ALERT in it with an attitude of THANKSGIVING;**³ praying at the same time **for us** (*Paul’s Missionary Team*) **as well, that God will OPEN up to us a DOOR for the WORD, so that we may SPEAK FORTH the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned;**⁴ **that I may make it CLEAR IN THE WAY I OUGHT TO SPEAK.**

⁵ Conduct **yourselves with wisdom TOWARD OUTSIDERS, making the most of the opportunity.** ⁶ **Let your SPEECH always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should RESPOND to each person.**

We are to PRAY for our Missionaries and to Pray for us, locally as well ... to be Christ’s witnesses to the lost (outsiders).

4. How should this affect you, personally?

How should this affect us, as New LIFE Fellowship?

What SHOULD BE THE IMPACT that Prayer of those New Believers in Acts 4:24-31 have upon us?

Ask God – Re-Read this passage (Acts 3 thru Acts 4:31) and see what God has to say to you, to us ...

**Let's Worship God ... Because of Who He is,
For What He has done, and What He is Yet
to do → He is the GREAT GOD, ALMIGHTY
WHO HAS ALL CONTROL OVER THE
WHOLE UNIVERSE and TIME...**

**ALL POWERFUL ALMIGHTY GOD
The GOD of ISRAEL**

