

Be Bold- Bold Praying
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Acts 4:13

"When they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."

Acts 4:23-31

"On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "You made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

"Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord
and against His anointed one.

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what Your power and will had decided beforehand

should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable Your servants to speak Your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out Your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."

Acts 12:5

"Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church."

Praying Bold Prayers

1) What we believe ABOUT God shapes our prayers TO God.

Acts 4:24

"Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

2) Praying the word of God is praying into the will of God

Acts 4:25-26

"Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
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and the rulers band together against the Lord and against His anointed one.

3) They asked God to do what only God could do.

Acts 4:30

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Craig Groeschel~ If God answered "yes" to all your prayers... what would be different in the world today?

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