

Be Bold- Bold Speaking Don Williams- May 7, 2023

Acts 4:31

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After they prayed...

Acts 2:42

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

Acts 4:24

"When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God..."

**Prayer was their first response
it wasn't their last resort.**

**The place where they were
meeting was shaken...**

Acts 2:2

"Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting."

Acts 16:25

"About midnight Paul and Silas were **praying** and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose."

Hebrews 12:26-29

At that time His voice shook the earth, but now He has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." ²⁷ The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our "God is a consuming fire."

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit

**We won't be able to fulfill the
mission of God
until we are filled with the Spirit of God.**

Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

They spoke the word of God Boldly.

What "they" didn't say...

- 1) They didn't speak their opinion boldly.
- 2) They didn't speak their theories boldly.

What "they" DID say...

- 1) Whatever they said was informed by the Word of God.

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.**"

- 2) They were declaring the name of Jesus who IS the word of God.

Acts 4:16-17

"What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name."

John 1:1-4

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

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