

Acts 4:23-31 New Living Translation (NLT)

The Believers Pray for Courage

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.’^[a]

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.

Footnotes:

^a 4:25-26 Or *his anointed one*; or *his Christ*. Ps 2:1-2.

Questions:

1. What did you like best or what caught your attention?
2. Why?
3. How does God respond to their bold prayers?
4. How can we learn to pray more like this?
5. In a small group pray with boldness for people you know who don't know Jesus.