

SERMON NOTES

The Church Jesus Built: Boldness Under Pressure | Acts 4:23–31

Big Idea: The church Jesus built responds to opposition not with fear, but with prayer-fueled boldness rooted in God's sovereignty.

1. Their Prayer Was Rooted in God's _____ [vs. 24]

- There was a conviction of God's _____.
- A right view of God's sovereignty produces _____ in the face of opposition.

Key Truth: The church stands boldly when it remembers who God is.

- ✓ Do your prayers reflect confidence in God's power?
- ✓ Are you trusting God's rule when life feels hostile?

2. Their Prayer Was Anchored in the _____ [vs. 25–28]

- Psalm 2 reminded them that the nations' rebellion is utterly _____.
- The enemies of the gospel may resist, but God's _____ cannot fail.
- Fulfilled promises give believers _____ boldness.

Key Truth: Confidence grows when we remember that God always keeps His Word.

- ✓ Are you grounding your fears in Scripture?

3. Their Prayer Prioritized _____ Over Comfort [vs. 29–30]

- They prayed for _____, not relief.

Key Truth: The content of your prayers often reveals the priorities of your heart.

- **Pray for BOB: B** _____, **O** _____, **B** _____.

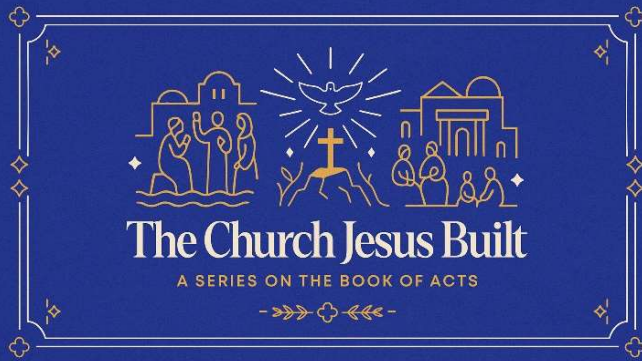
- ✓ Are your prayers centered more on comfort or mission?

4. The Results of Their Prayer Were Threefold [vs. 31]

- The place was shaken. They were _____ with the Holy Spirit. They received the boldness for which they had asked.
- Their courage came not from personality, but by the _____ of God.

Key Truth: A praying church is a bold church.

- ✓ Does your faith remain bold when pressured?
- ✓ Is there anything hindering you from being filled with the Spirit?



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23 And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. 24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: 25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? 26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. 27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. 29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.