



Prayer & Action

Acts 4:19-31

April 11th, 2021

When facing troubles the early church prayed...

24-28 breakdown:

Isaiah 46:9-10, Job 1:12, Matthew 6:10, Matthew 10:17-20

... the Word of God. *Psalm 2:1-2*

... for more courage and more miracles. *Daniel 3:16-18*

Mark 16:20

God answered their prayer.

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Acts 4:19-22 NLT But Peter and John replied, “Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than Him? ²⁰ We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.” ²¹ The council then threatened them further, but they finally let them go because they didn’t know how to punish them without starting a riot. For everyone was praising God ²² for this miraculous sign—the healing of a man who had been lame for more than forty years.

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Acts 4:23 NLT 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.

Acts 4:24 NLT 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—

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When facing troubles the church prayed.

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Acts 4:24-28 NLT 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.’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.

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24-28 breakdown:

24 - They proclaim that God is sovereign, and Creator.

25 - God spoke long ago through the Holy Spirit.

God spoke to and through His people.

God sees that the plans of man are futile.

26 - The world leaders will oppose the Messiah.

27 - Acknowledges the attack on the Messiah happened.

28 - Even through those attacks, God was still in control.

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Isaiah 46:9-10 NLT Remember the things I have done in the past. For I alone am God! I am God, and there is none like me.¹⁰ Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.

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Job 1:12 NLT “All right, you may test him,” the Lord said to Satan. “Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don’t harm him physically.” So Satan left the Lord’s presence.

Luke 22:31-32 NLT “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat.³² But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.”

Matthew 6:10 NLT May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

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Matthew 10:17-20 NLT But beware! For you will be handed over to the courts and will be flogged with whips in the synagogues. ¹⁸ You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell the rulers and other unbelievers about me. ¹⁹ When you are arrested, don't worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time. ²⁰ For it is not you who will be speaking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

When facing troubles the early church prayed the Word of God.

Psalm 2:1-2 NLT Why are the nations so angry? Why do they waste their time with futile plans? ² The kings of the earth prepare for battle; the rulers plot together against the Lord and against His anointed one.

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Acts 4:29-30 NLT 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.”

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Daniel 3:16-18 NLT Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. ¹⁸ But even if he doesn’t, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.”

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When facing troubles the early church prayed for more courage and more miracles.

Acts 4:13 NLT The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.

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Mark 16:20 NLT And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.

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Acts 4:31 NLT 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.

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God answered their prayer.

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