

Hardship and Prayer

Acts 4:23-31

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Philippians 4:6 | do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Big Idea: In the face of hardship, depend on God through prayer.

I. Prayer expresses our unity (vv. 23-24a)

II. Prayer expresses our belief about God (vv. 24b-28)

Genesis 50:20 | As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

Ephesians 1:11 | In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

III. Prayer expresses our need for God (vv. 29-30)

IV. Prayer expresses our confidence in God (v. 31)

1 John 5:14-15 | 14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Benediction

1 Peter 5:10-11 | 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”