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Boldness Prayer
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Torah: Gen 41;38-43

Haf: Zech 3:1-5

B'rit: Rev 1:12-18

The book of Acts records the important history between the resurrection of Yeshua and the death of Rabbi Paul. The book of Acts encourages us with the power of the Gospel and how God uses and empowered His people to expand His kingdom. Acts 4 teaches us the need for a certain kind of boldness in a time of conflict.

Acts 4:1-7 - The Conflict

Acts 4:8-12 - Filled With the Spirit

Acts 4:13-22 - Observable Confidence

Acts 4:23-31 - Prayer for Boldness

Growth Group study questions:

Read Acts 4:1-7

Why were the temple guard and Sadducees disturbed?
How did people respond?

Read Acts 4:8-12, Read Psalm 118

Who is Peter saying the stone in Psalm 118 is?
How is this prophecy fulfilled?

Read Acts 4:13-22

How did they know the disciples were with Yeshua?
How would people describe you when you leave the room?
What gets in the way of you talking about Yeshua?

Read Acts 4:23-31, Psalm 146, Psalm 2

Why couldn't the leaders punish the apostles?
Why do the nations hate believers? Who are they really against?

Do you need confidence to speak God's Word into this world?

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This Weeks Nation Focus Is: **Saudi Arabia**

Known for its vast desert landscapes, Saudi Arabia also boasts beautiful coastlines along the Red Sea and Persian Gulf. This arid land is the birthplace of one of the fastest growing - and second largest - religions in the world: Islam. In place of a constitution, the nation abides by the laws of the Quran. The cities of Mecca and Medina are sacred destinations, drawing Muslims from around the world. The Hajj pilgrimage brings millions to Mecca every year! The nation's Islamic heritage, located at the center of ancient trade routes, and Bedouin traditions help to form its rich cultural identity. About 16% of the world's proven oil can be found here, adding to its great global significance.

Saudi Arabia has one of the world's worst religious freedom and human rights records. Freedoms of speech, press, or worship are virtually nonexistent. King Abdullah (1995-2015) worked to modernize the nation through social and economic initiatives. Elections were first held in 2005, and in 2015 women were allowed to vote, with some winning seats on municipal councils. Salman bin Abdalaziz Al Saud became king in 2015 and named his son, Prince Mohammad bin Salman, the Crown Prince. Vowing to leave behind "extremist ideologies" for a "more moderate Islam," the Crown Prince has worked to give women more freedom while purging political and business corruption. The nation is even opening its doors to tourism and cinemas - both unthinkable a few years ago. Even so, Saudi Arabia continues to invest billions of dollars exporting Wahhabi Islam, a fundamentalist sect that produces many extremists. Additionally, strict laws against male and female interactions have led many to secret lives of homosexuality, the penalty of which is imprisonment and death. As the country becomes more dependent on oil, the gap between rich and poor grows. This nation is also heavily involved in multiple proxy wars that are destabilizing the region (i.e., Yemen, Syria, and Libya).

Saudi Arabia is the epicenter of Islam and one of the world's most oppressive nations. Most Saudis are Wahhabi Sunnis, following a strict and literal interpretation of the Quran. People of other faiths are forbidden to practice openly, and most Christians are migrants. Strict religious laws make it extremely difficult for believers to practice their faith, and Saudis who follow Jesus face ostracism, discrimination, harassment, and even death. Recent changes in leadership and policy have led some to believe the country may become more open to Christianity. Though numbers are unreliable, the secret Church is growing, and believers are present in every city.

Continent: Asia

Capital City: Riyadh

Government: Monarchy

Population: 28,571,770

Major People Groups: Arab 90%, Afro-Asian 10%

Religion: Muslim 92.41%, Christian 5.43%, Hindu 0.78%, Non 0.66%, Buddhist 0.42%, other 0.30%

Language: Arabic

UNREACHED: 67.4%

Jewish Population: ? minimal amount are foreign workers and US military

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the Lord Jesus to miraculously demolish the stronghold of Islam in this nation.
- Pray for massive Islamic missionary efforts to be thwarted.
- Pray for true religious freedom and the curbing of heinous human rights abuses.
- *Pray this nation will have a heart for Israel and Jewish People