



Revival | The Patterns of Revival Prayer

Acts 4:23-31 NIV

OPEN IN PRAYER

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

Share about a time when life felt completely out of your control. How did you respond in that moment?

When you think about prayer in seasons of crisis, what comes most naturally to you: praying for escape, praying for comfort, or praying for boldness/endurance? Why?

SCRIPTURE READING

23 On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. **24** When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. **25** You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: "'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? **26** The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one. **27** Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. **28** They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. **29** Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. **30** Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.'" **31** After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. **Acts 4:23-31 NIV**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why do you think the early church immediately turned to prayer when Peter and John reported the threats?
2. In verse 24, they begin by calling God “Sovereign Lord.” What does this title teach us about how they viewed God?
3. The believers prayed Psalm 2 in their prayer. Why do you think they chose to root their prayer in Scripture? What difference does it make when we pray God’s Word instead of only our own words?
4. What would it look like for you to begin your prayers by naming God’s character (His sovereignty, faithfulness, power) instead of beginning with your problems?
5. How can Scripture help shape the way you pray this week? Is there a verse or psalm that you could begin praying regularly?
6. This passage says the place was shaken and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. While God may not shake our buildings, how might He want to “shake” your heart, your group, or our church through prayer?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

As a group, take time to pray bold prayers together—prayers that ask God to move in ways that stretch you, not just keep you safe.