

## **SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE**

# Key thought: what you bring to God in prayer reflects what you believe about God answering prayer.

#### Acts 4:23-8

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.

#### **Two big prayers:**

#### 1) They prayed for strength to speak with boldness.

#### Acts 4:29

29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

#### 2) They prayed for God to perform miracles.

#### Acts 4:30-31

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.

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

What is the boldest prayer you have prayed in your life?

If people saw your prayer life, how big or small would they think your God is?

What can we learn about and model about prayer from Pete and John?

What are some prayers you have seen God answer in your life?

Is there anything you haven't been praying for that you need to bring before the Lord?