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**Upon this Rock - Week 2**

So the Church started as a Movement, but what kept the Momentum going? PRAYER

The reason the church survived the first century...

- Is not simply by the teachings of Jesus.
- It was the resurrection of Jesus, people's absolute belief in it, and their willingness to take it throughout the world!

The church was in its infancy, and pretty unorganized and overwhelmed. But the heart of their mission was a totally Outward Focused movement.

But like we talked about last week, we all know what happens over time? Before long, this outwardly focused movement that was about passion and love and acceptance began to turn INWARD.

One of the ways you know whether or not a church is still on mission, one of the ways you know whether a church is still on track with what God really intended when he launched the church, is how a church PRAYS.

How a church prays indicates whether it has strayed.

I. Primos Prayer - Acts 4

The average prayer is this: We pray for Ourselves, and we pray for our Family, and we pray for two or three sick people.

What I'm challenging us is to Ask God something BIG! Go after something with God! That's how we should be praying!

I'm not saying we shouldn't be praying for some of that small stuff. But the thing that all of your prayers, and all of my prayers, and all our prayers have in common, is that the center of our prayers is who? US.

Peter speaks to the Temple Leaders...

Here's what I want you to know: God has done something miraculous among us. He has sent his Son, you killed Him, but he rose from the dead just like he said He would, and we can't shut up about it, and you need to embrace Jesus, for there is no other name under heaven whereby you are saved, but Jesus!

Acts 4:13-14 NIV

What happens next? Luke tells us they PRAY!

God didn't save us so we can play it safe, He saved us to make us dangerous!

Acts 4:29 NIV

What percentage of your lifetime prayers have centered around praying for boldness?

Acts 4:30 NIV

Acts 4:31 NIV