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Acts 4.8-12

Acts 4.23-31

(After their prayer 3 things happened)

- The place was shaken
- They were filled with the Holy Spirit
- They spoke the Word of God with Boldness

When we are discouraged we need to pray. To raise our voices and talk to God. We need to turn our hearts away from what's breaking them and to the "lifter of our head." To the one who must completely satisfy. For clarity, comfort, care, peace, boldness.

God will deliver us from the disappointment or He will give us the power and strength to walk through it.

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""The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous And His ears are open to their cry." (Psalm 34:15, NASB95)

"In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch." (Psalm 5:3, NASB95)

The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." (James 5:16, NASB95)

Remember when Discouraged

- 1. It's not always going to be like this.**
- 2. You are strong in Christ.**
- 3. Praying through discouragement often takes time.**

Peter got arrested in Act 12 again, so the church prayed against the prison doors came open.

"So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God." (Acts 12:5, NASB95)

Conclusion: What's got you discouraged today?

What are you going to do about it? Let's pray and let's increase our time praying. Let's not allow the enemy to steal our peace, our joy, our life. Go to the Lord, get up early, leave the house, stay up late.

Video: "Hills and Valley" by Tauren Wells (Youtube)

Sermon Discussion Questions:

Living an Overcoming Life | Overcoming Discouragement

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1. Share a very discouraging time in your life and how you made it through.

2. How discouraged with life are you now?

Discouragement is not foreign to any of us. It will hit us in waves. Some reasons

3. Pastor said that Satan uses discouragement, especially during the times we are growing in the Lord or starting to serve. Have you encountered this?

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4. Read Acts 4.23-31. What 3 things happened when God's people prayed?

5. How do these things happen today when we pray.

6. When discouraged we need to go to the Lord for strength. Which of the following have you personally experienced when praying through a tough time?

- Praying will remind you, who is in charge.
- Prayer will cause fear to flee your hearts.
- Prayer will give you the peace of God and allow that to rule your hearts.
- Prayer will turn your eyes of your circumstances to God and that is faith, "The substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen " Hebrews 11.1
- Prayer will get you cause the enemy and the demons tormenting you to flee.
- Prayer will give you great faith and a greater trust.

7. Read these verses from 2 Corinthians 4.16-18

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

8. What are truths in the Scripture to help us during troubled and discouraging times?

9. Think of these verses and close in prayer with them in your prayer.

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