

Devoted to Prayer

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Acts 4:23-31



**THE ORCHARD**

### **Sermon Questions**

1. What is our first instinct when pressure or fear comes, planning, venting, distracting ourselves, or praying? What does that suggest about where we place our deepest trust?
2. How might beginning our prayers by focusing on who God is (his sovereignty, power, and creation) rather than on what we need practically change the way we handle our current anxieties?
3. In what ways do we tend to interpret our struggles more through our feelings or cultural narratives than through Scripture, and how might viewing them through God's plan reshape our response?
4. If God said "yes" to every prayer we prayed in the last week, would more people know Jesus, or would our life mostly be safer and more comfortable?
5. How does the church's request for boldness rather than safety challenge the way we typically pray for ourselves, our family, and our church?
6. What would it look like for us personally to rely on the Holy Spirit for courage in ordinary, everyday situations where speaking about Jesus feels risky?
7. What is the biggest barrier keeping our group from praying together with the same raw urgency we see in Acts 4, and what one practical change in our weekly rhythm could help us move past 'polite' prayer toward 'bold' dependence?"