



Week 6: Bold Prayers

In Acts 4, the early church faces real pressure and real threats, yet their response is not panic or retreat, it's prayer. Instead of asking God to remove the danger, they gather with their people, fix their eyes on who God is, and ask for boldness to continue the mission. Their confidence rests not in circumstances changing, but in God's authority and purposes being greater than any opposition.

Discussion Questions:

1. The early believers didn't panic when pressure came, they ran to their people and raised their voices together to God. When you face stress or fear, what is your first instinct? Why do you think that's your default?
2. Read Acts 4:24. The church begins their prayer by focusing on who God is before asking for anything. When you pray under pressure, do you tend to start with the problem or with God? How might starting with God reshape your perspective this week?
3. The believers interpreted their situation through Psalm 2, realizing opposition didn't mean God had lost control. Is there a challenge in your life right now that feels like a setback but could actually be part of God's bigger story? How does viewing it through Scripture change how you see it?
4. Instead of praying for comfort or escape, the church prayed for boldness (Acts 4:29). Where in your life are you most tempted to pray for relief rather than courage? What would a bold prayer look like in that situation?
5. The text says the place was shaken, not because the threats disappeared, but because the people were filled with the Spirit. Can you think of a time God didn't change your circumstances but changed you in the middle of them? What shifted inside you?
6. Who are "your people" right now, the believers you run to when life gets heavy? If you have them, how can you lean in more intentionally? If you don't, what's one step you could take toward deeper Christian community this month?