

"Prayer Could Changes Things"

Acts 4:23-31

Thesis: Before prayer we can do little—after prayer we can do much! Much effort without prayer often results in failure. The same effort with prayer may result in great success. The early church found this out quickly! They came together in unity and when they prayed glorious things began to happen. The same thing could happen if we would pray. Let's examine what happened:

I. They Were Filled With the Holy Spirit

- A. They had a great task before them
- B. They began to pray

II. They Found a New Courage

- A. They had been warned not to speak of Jesus
- B. The Spirit gave them the courage to act

III. They Became a United People

- A. They were of one heart and soul
- B. When Christians pray they come to one mind

IV. They Had a True Sense of Stewardship

- A. They sold what they owned
- B. They held back nothing

V. They Became Attractive Christians

- A. They became happy Christians
- B. They began to look, act, and feel like Jesus!

VI. The Place Was Shaken

- A. An earthquake shook the place
- B. Actually it was prayer that shook the place!

Life Application: Is your heart burdened? Is life hard? Are the responsibilities too heavy for you to bear alone? Then bring it all to Jesus in prayer. Something happened when the church in Acts prayed—something will happen when you pray. You can do much after you have prayed; you can do little before you pray!

Congratulations to those who have Birthdays or Anniversaries in February



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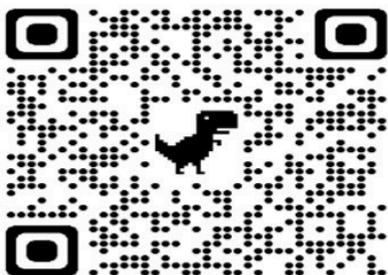
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Vision Statement: "We exist to glorify God, love people, and make disciples of Jesus Christ." (Helps guide everything with a desired end goal.)

Mission Statement "Our mission is obedience to the Great Commandment of loving God and others and to the Great Commission through evangelism and discipleship." (Luke 10: 27a; Matthew 28: 19-20) (Helps us understand why we do what we do.)



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