

OVERVIEW

In Acts 4:24–31, the believers respond to threats by lifting their voices together in prayer, grounding their confidence in God’s sovereignty and the Scriptures. Instead of asking for protection, they boldly request courage to continue speaking God’s word, and God answers by filling them with the Holy Spirit.

OHANA TIME!

 **Icebreaker:** What’s the most unusual food you’ve ever tried—would you eat it again? **Or** What piece of advice—serious or funny—has stuck with you over the years?

 **Activity:** Contact somebody you haven’t spoken with in a while and bless them with encouragement!

PRAYER

Pray: “Lord, fill us with the same boldness and trust in Your sovereign power so that we may speak Your word faithfully in every circumstance. Amen!”

BIBLE: READ ACTS 4:24-31

1. What prompted the believers to pray together in this passage? How did they respond to threats and pressure?
2. How does the prayer begin, and what does this teach us about their view of God? (Notice the focus on God as Creator and Sovereign.)
3. Why do the believers quote Psalm 2 in their prayer? What connection do they see between David’s words and their situation?
4. Before making any requests, they reflect on the cross (vv. 27–28). Why is remembering God’s control over Jesus’ suffering so encouraging for the believers facing hostility?
5. What specific requests do they make to God? What do they *not* ask for? What does this reveal about their mission, priorities, and spiritual maturity?
6. What is the significance of the place being shaken (v.31)? What does that reveal about God’s response to prayer?

APPLICATION

1. Think about a time when you faced criticism, pressure, or misunderstanding because of your faith. How did you respond? Looking back, what might Acts 4 teach you about responding differently?
2. The believers view opposition as part of God’s larger redemptive plan. How would your outlook on difficulties change if you saw them as opportunities for God to advance His mission through you?

