





What would make your life easier?







Psalms 107:28-29

"LORD, help!" they cried in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He calmed the storm to a whisper

and stilled the waves.

Storms come to destroy what is not solid and reveal what is...



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- 1. Teach us how to pray
- 2. Pray to accomplish like Paul
- 3. Pray sacrificially like Jesus
- 4. Pray urgently like the apostles
- 5. Pray purposefully like Solomon

As soon as they were freed, Peter and John returned to the other believers and told them what the leading priests and elders had said. When they heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God: "O Sovereign Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— you spoke long ago by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant, saying, 'Why were the nations so angry?

Why did they waste their time with futile plans? The kings of the earth prepared for battle; the rulers gathered together against the LORD and against his Messiah.

"In fact, this has happened here in this very city! For Herod Antipas, Pontius Pilate the governor, the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were all united against Jesus, your holy servant, whom you anointed. But everything they did was determined beforehand according to your will. And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness. **ACTS 4:23-31 NLT**





Scripture reference- Acts 4:23-31

The believers pray for courage

Definition:

Bold people are characterized by their confidence, willingness to take risks, and ability to express their opinions freely, often inspiring others to do the same.

To be bold and courageous requires a reason to be bold and courageous.





Prayer as the first RESPONSE rather than the last resort.

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Esther 4:16 NIV

"Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."





Prayer as the first RESPONSE rather than the last resort.

Responding in prayer shows the condition of the heart and mind.

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.





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2 Corinthians 10:5 NLT

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.





Pray for BOLDNESS rather than ESCAPE

Acts 4:29

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Community prayer







Psalms 31:10 NLT

My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.





Conclusion

- 1. Are you praying for escape or boldness?
- 2. Are we shaken by fear or shaking the world through prayer?
- 3. When the world seeks to silence you, what will you do panic or pray?