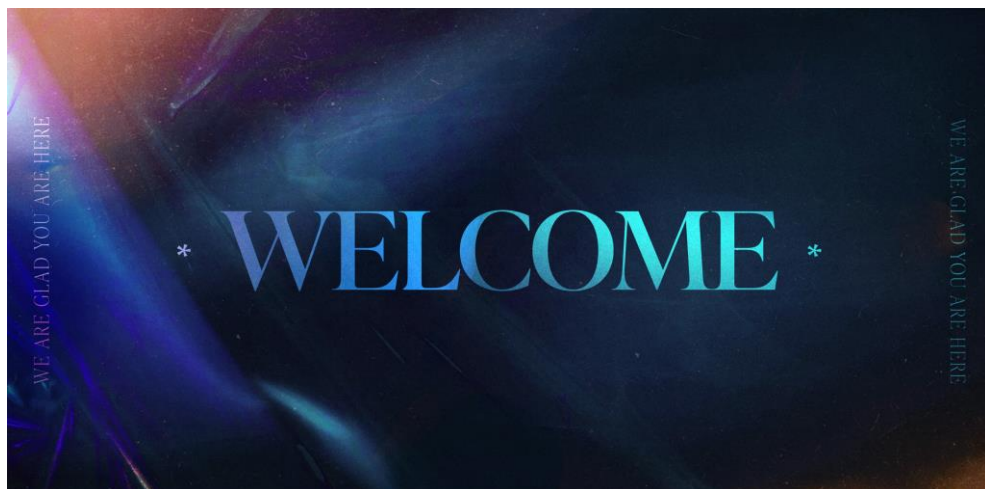




WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Great things
PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER Water You turned into wine (Our God is greater)
UPDATES Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Lord from sorrows deep I call
Give us Your courage
BIBLE READING Acts 4:1-31 (Church Bible page 1147)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER The same power



The Power of Prayer ~4

How to pray courageous prayers.

Acts 4:1-31

'By what power or what name did you do this?' Acts 4:7 NIV

'Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that this man was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ, the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead.'

Acts 4:10 NLT

'The members of the counsel were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures.' Acts 4:13 NLT

'And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word.' Acts 4:29 NLT

HOW AMAZED ARE PEOPLE BY YOUR BOLDNESS?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1. Boldness is always supercharged by the _____.

"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 4:29-31 NLT

2. Boldness almost always triggers spiritual _____.

'They arrested the apostles and put them in a public jail.' Acts 5:18 NLT

3. Boldness often releases God's _____.

'But an angel of the Lord came at night, opened the gates of the jail, and brought them out.' Acts 5:19 NLT

4. Boldness always requires _____.

"Go to the Temple, and give the people the message of life!" So at daybreak, the apostles entered the temple as they were told and immediately began teaching.' Acts 5:20-21 NLT



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. How comfortable are you with prayer, with praying out loud in a group?
2. What do you think it means to have bold faith, what might it look like in someone's life?
3. Read Acts 4:1-31. Use the questions below to unpack the passage.
 - What was the main issue that upset the Sadducees in Peter and John's preaching? Acts 4:1-4
 - What did the Sadducees believe? (Mark 12:18; Luke 20:27; Matthew 22:23)
 - Why is a belief in the death and resurrection of Christ so vital to our faith?
 - Why did the rulers find it hard to suppress the Apostles message? Acts 4:13-16, 19-22
 - What did the Apostles do on being released? Acts 4:23-31
 - What was the immediate result of the prayers in Acts 4? Acts 4:31
4. How would describe the way you pray? What's keeping you from changing your small prayers into bold prayers?
5. On a scale of 1 to 10, how amazed are people by your boldness? How would living more boldly change your life?
6. Talk about a recent time when you had an opportunity to share your faith or were bold for Jesus. What happened?
7. Think about the people you interact with. What opportunities do you have to be bold in your faith this coming week?
8. How is God calling you to live boldly? Consider this question this week, and then commit to pursuing whatever God sets in front of you.



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