

MESSAGE APPLICATION GUIDE

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Acts 4:23-31

1. Why do you think the early church turned to prayer when Peter and John were let out of prison? Is prayer that central to the way you live? Why or why not? What causes us difficulty when it comes to praying consistently?

2. Do you find yourself seeing the circumstances around you and the situations you face every day through the lens of God's involvement in them? Why or why not? If you wanted to see your world this way (like the apostles did theirs), what practices would you need to put into place to make it happen?

3. How does the fact that God created the world relate to His authority over it?

4. How sovereign is God? Is He in control of everything? Even human choices? How does Acts 2:28 influence the way you think about this issue? How about Daniel 4:34-35 or Proverbs 21:1?

5. Does God still "stretch out his hand to heal" and "perform signs and wonders" or was this something that only happened at the beginning of the church? How do signs and wonders and healings help the preaching of the Gospel message? Can they obscure the message and if so, how? How have you experienced God's healing and performing of signs and wonders?

6. Why do we who believe in God's sovereignty not act more boldly in living for Him and proclaiming His truth?

How does the knowledge of His presence with us help us live more boldly?

7. Where in your life do you need to remember the power and presence of God is with you? What things are you facing that look differently when you know the sovereign God Himself is with you?
