

Context – the church began (Acts 2)

Ch. 4 – Peter and John arrested

- vv. 14-22 – Intimidated and released by religious leaders
- vv. 23-24 – Report to their companions; 1st response: _____

vv. 24-25 – Two starting points in prayer: “Lord...”

- “You are the _____” (Ps. 146:6) – *Lord* = _____
- “You wrote the _____”

- Against the Lord and His _____

- God is in _____

vv. 29-30 – Their requests: “Lord..._____ deal with the opposition”

- “_____ work through Your holy servant Jesus”
- “We desire to _____ Your Word – give us _____”

#1 – What is our 1st _____ to persecution?

- _____ vs. _____? Or them vs. _____?
- God's plan: opposition is _____ \Rightarrow _____

#2 – God’s purpose for His church: proclaim the _____

- _____ didn't change the purpose
- _____ a major part: for boldness / for God to _____ lives

#3 – The power of praying using the _____

- It is praying according to God's _____ (1 Jn. 5:14-15)
- God promises to _____ His Word

#4 – The role of the _____

- _____ of the Holy Spirit → _____ for witness (v. 31)
- _____ of the church (vv. 32, 34-35)
- The Lord worked powerfully through the _____ (v. 33)

1. Review Acts 4: 5-20

- a) List the various things Peter did / said in responding to the persecution of the religious leaders?
- b) Do the same for the incident described in Acts 5:26-33 and 38-42
- c) Compare the above with Peter's teaching in:
 - 1 Peter 2:18-24
 - 1 Peter 4:12-19
 - 1 Peter 5:8-10
- d) Summarize your study in the form of some practical, personal insights.

2. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today's message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?