

# sermon notes

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SERMON SERIES: HEARING GOD'S VOICE: MY WAY OR GOD'S WAY

TODAY'S SERMON: A ROCKING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 4:24-33 (NEW KING JAMES VERSION)

## THREE PRAYER PRINCIPLES IN THE EARLY CHURCH THAT WE NEED TODAY

### 1 a prayer perspective

So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,

Acts 4:24 (NKJV)

to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.

Acts 4:28 (NKJV)

- a proper perspective of togetherness: unity
- a proper perspective of God: He is sovereign
- a proper perspective of ourselves: servants

Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants...

Acts 4:29 (NKJV)

## 2 a prayer of purpose

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...and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak  
Your word,  
Acts 4:29 (NKJV)  
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- the ability to boldly speak God's Word

**Question:** What got the early church in trouble in the first place?

**Answer:** Speaking the Word of God!

- To be used by God to bring healing

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by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may  
be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”  
Acts 4:30 (NKJV)  
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God answered their prayer:

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And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were  
done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solo-  
mon's Porch.  
Acts 5:12 (NKJV)  
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- Jesus has a body on earth: You and me, the church.
- praying in God's will

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...through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.  
Acts 4:30 (NKJV)  
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## 3 a prayer of power

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And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled  
together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and  
they spoke the word of God with boldness.  
Acts 4:31 (NKJV)  
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- They were filled with the Holy Spirit and His power.
- They were unified.

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Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one  
soul;...  
Acts 4:32 (NKJV)  
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- “One heart” = in tune or in sync—going the same way

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Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is*  
For brethren to dwell together in unity!  
Psalm 133:1 (NKJV)  
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- When we are in unity God's power shows up so that we can  
proclaim Christ.

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And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of  
the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.  
Acts 4:33 (NKJV)  
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- power = energy, might, great ability

And when they finished praying, God said, “amen” with an earthquake.

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