

Series: big CHURCH

Title: Big Prayers

The reason the church survived the first century: something extraordinary **happened**

How a church prays indicates whether it has strayed.

How we pray: ourselves, our family and two or three sick people

If God had answered all of your prayers last year, would anyone, besides yourself, be better off?

Big churches on God's big mission, pray big prayers.

Acts 4:12 (NLT)

¹²There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:13 (NLT)

¹³The members of the council 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. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:14 (NLT)

¹⁴But since they could see the man who had been healed standing right there among them, there was nothing the council could say.

Acts 4:24 (NLT)

²⁴When 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—

Acts 4:25 (NLT)

²⁵you 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?

Acts 4:26 (NLT)

²⁶ The kings of the earth prepared for battle;
the rulers gathered together
against the Lord
and against his Messiah.’

Acts 4:27 (NLT)

²⁷ “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.

Acts 4:28 (NLT)

²⁸ But everything they did was determined beforehand according to your will.

Acts 4:29 (NLT)

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

Acts 4:30 (NLT)

³⁰ Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

You see what you’re looking for

Acts 4:31 (NLT)

³¹ 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 4:32 (NLT)

³² All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had.

Enable me to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform
signs and wonders through the name of Jesus.