

LION-LIKE COURAGE FOR KINGDOM ADVANCE

Acts 4:1-31 // June 6, 2021 AM

I. Spirit-filled disciples are despised like Christ (vv. 1-4).

II. Spirit-filled disciples are dauntless for Christ (vv. 5-22).

III. Spirit-filled disciples are dependent upon Christ (vv. 23-31).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why does Luke focus so much upon the old covenant temple and leadership in these early chapters of Acts? What is he seeking to show us?
2. What is causing the temple leadership to be disturbed and angered? Is it the healing itself or the teaching/preaching of the word?
3. How do the Jewish leaders seek to stop the spread of the gospel? Were they successful? Why, or why not?
4. What do the threats the apostles receive lead the church to do? What does this teach us about where we should turn when we face hostility and difficulties?
5. How does the church pray? What does their prayer teach us about how we should pray?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I truly believe that the name of Jesus alone can save sinners?
2. Does opposition from the world lead me to be silent, or does it lead me to lay hold of Christ in prayer?
3. How could I begin praying the Scriptures like the early church? How might this breathe fresh life into my praying?