

The Currency of the Kingdom

Acts 4:23-32

That same spirit of faithfulness—that same _____—that Christian mothers often exhibit was expressed in a small room in Jerusalem when the Apostles _____ after they were arrested and threatened for preaching.

This prayer informs believers about what our prayers should include given the _____ of the mission Jesus gave us. First, the Apostles went straight back to “their own people.” For those early believers, prayer wasn’t a _____ habit. It was a _____ reflex. Spiritual resilience is built in community. When the world _____, the church _____ to call on God.

Second, this prayer began with God’s _____, not their _____. Before those believers asked for anything, they spent time acknowledging that God is still _____ despite their circumstances and their feelings. Our prayers should remind us to _____ the next chapter of God’s story.

The main lesson we can learn about praying is found in vs. 29. They didn’t pray for a way _____ but for a way _____ to victory. God is assembling the army of God, ready to _____ the enemy, go into every corner of the world and _____.

God isn’t interested in lessening our _____. He is interested in increasing our _____. Faith, according to 1 John, is the victory that overcomes the world. Peter wrote that trials come to prove your faith which is of greater worth than gold. The currency of the kingdom of God is _____; faith to live for Him _____ and speak His word _____.

Let God’s word challenge us to change our “safety” prayers into “_____” prayers; our “comfort” prayers into “_____” prayers; our “bed of roses” prayers into “_____” prayers; our “fix things” prayers into “_____” prayers. Let’s see if God won’t shake us loose from our comfort zones and fill us with His Spirit, ready and prepared to share the gospel _____ for Him.