

# *Bold Prayers*

*Acts 4:23-37*

*19b “Do you think God  
wants us to obey you rather than him?  
20We cannot stop telling about everything  
we have seen and heard.”*

*Acts 4:19b, 20<sup>NLT</sup>*

*“If God told you to give everything you have to the needy, would you do it”?*



# *Prayers of Boldness*

- ✓ *Persecution* Should Elicit *Praise*
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*<sup>23</sup>As soon as they were freed,  
Peter and John returned to the other believers  
and told them what the leading priests and elders  
had said. <sup>24</sup>When they heard the report,  
all the believers lifted their voices  
together in prayer to God:*

*Acts 4:23-24a <sup>NLT</sup>*

*“O Sovereign Lord,  
Creator of heaven and earth, the sea,  
and everything in them—  
25 you 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?  
26 The kings of the earth prepared for battle;  
the rulers gathered together against the LORD  
and against his Messiah.’*

*Acts 4:24b-26 <sup>NLT</sup>*

*I will trust in God!*



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- ✓ Persecution Should Elicit Praise
- ✓ Praise Should Elicit Perseverance
- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ Should Elicit \_\_\_\_\_
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*<sup>27</sup>“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 4:27<sup>NLT</sup>*

*28But everything they did  
was determined beforehand according to your will.  
29And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us,  
your servants, great boldness in preaching your  
word. 30Stretch out your hand with healing power;  
may miraculous signs and wonders be done  
through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”*

*Acts 4:28-30 <sup>NLT</sup>*



# Perseverance

Don't quit  
before the blessing.

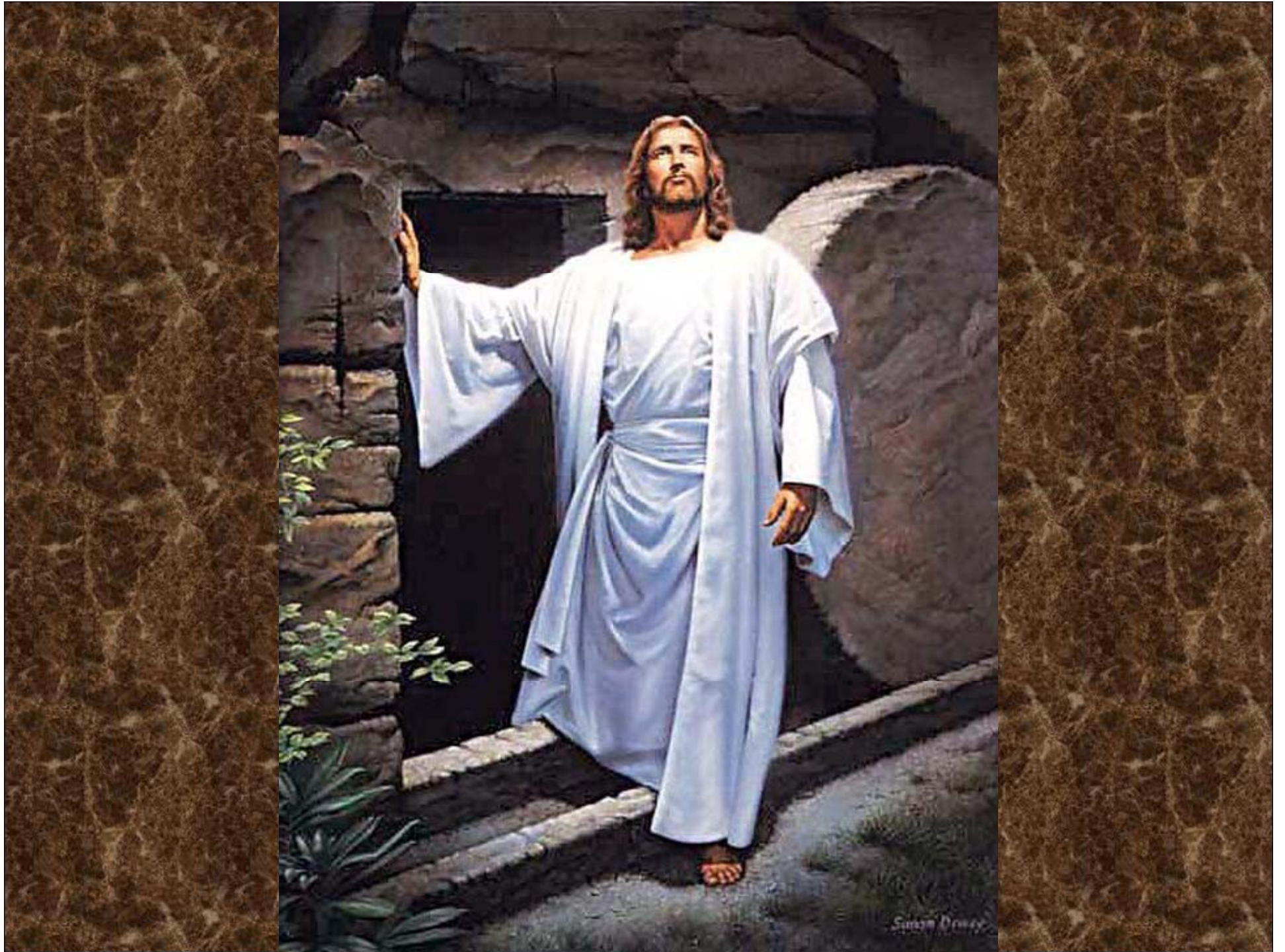
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- ✓ Persecution Should Elicit Praise
- ✓ Praise Should Elicit Perseverance
- ✓ Perseverance Should Elicit Power
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*<sup>31</sup>After this prayer, the meeting place shook,  
and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.  
Then they preached the word of God with boldness.*

*Acts 4:31<sup>NLT</sup>*



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- ✓ Persecution Should Elicit Praise
- ✓ Praise Should Elicit Perseverance
- ✓ Perseverance Should Elicit Power
- ✓ Power Should Elicit Poverty

*<sup>32</sup>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.*

*<sup>33</sup>The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them <sup>35</sup>and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.*

*Acts 4:32-35 <sup>NLT</sup>*



*<sup>36</sup>For instance, there was Joseph,  
the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas  
(which means “Son of Encouragement”).*

*He was from the tribe of Levi and came  
from the island of Cyprus. <sup>37</sup>He sold a field he  
owned and brought the money to the apostles.*

*Acts 4:36, 37 <sup>NLT</sup>*