

Series: Acts

Sermon: Acts 4:23-33

Passage: 4:23-33

Illustration:

Need: Christians will face consistent opposition. But God has given us one another so we are not alone, and He has given us His promise that when we come to Him in prayer, He answers.

I. We need each other.

- When they were released from custody, Peter & John leaned on their “friends” - the body.
- Who are the friends that you go to? Why do you go to them? How do they typically respond?
- God designed the body to encourage, correct, comfort, challenge, support, and stand with one another.

II. We need submissive hearts.

- When we hear about the difficulties of a brother/sister, how do we typically respond? Fueled complaint, pile on, grumble, encourage division, prayer that God will fix or change the circumstance?
- They submitted the only & almighty God.
- They submitted to difficulty & suffering as part of God’s intentions.
- They submitted their fear and asked for courage/boldness.
- They submitted their desires and re-embraced His call.
- God answers their prayer: the place was shaken, they were filled w/ the Holy Spirit, and they continued to speak the word of God with boldness in the face of danger.

III. We need to boldly press on.

- The early church’s main opposition was persecution. Our generation’s main opposition is seduction.
- They were united and deepened in their relationships and their resolve.
- Many churches today are primarily marked by division, disconnection, and apathy.

IV. We want everyone at Oasis Church to experience a community...

- where you discover that you are not alone as a follower of Jesus and that you have folks to lean on.
- where we help one another prayerfully find God’s help and God’s path through whatever we’re facing.
- where you’re reminded that God keeps calling you deeper into His plan of representing Jesus and making disciples.