

# Today's Message

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## ***THE MESSAGE OF ACTS: GOD'S ONGOING REDEMPTIVE MISSION*** **Lessons in Lordship: Boldness** **Acts 2:42-47**

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*“When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. ‘Sovereign Lord,’ they said, ‘you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of our servant David:*

*‘Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.’*

*Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” (Acts 4:24-30)*

***What was the focus of their prayer?***

\_\_\_\_\_ The character of God \_\_\_\_\_

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

– A. W. Tozer

***If God is sovereign, why pray?***

\_\_\_\_\_ Because we are to be participants in his ongoing mission \_\_\_\_\_

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- Reread the prayer of Acts 4:24-30. Does anything surprise you about this prayer? If so, what?
- W. Tozer stated: ““What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” What’s your response to this statement?
- How does our understanding of God influence our approach to prayer? How can we incorporate reference to God’s character into our prayers?
- In their prayer, the Christians in Acts 4 prayed for boldness. What does boldness look like in everyday life?
- In the message, George said that we can shrink our lives down to the things that we can control, or we can live as part of God’s ongoing mission. Describe the difference between these two approaches?

- How does prayer help us live as part of God's ongoing mission?
- In your group, discuss how you might encourage one another to participate in our upcoming prayer emphasis.