

*the “I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.” {Ephesians 3:16-17a}*

## **Lesson 8 (July 30, 2024)**

### **“The Holy Spirit’s Power”**

**Read Acts 4:18-35.**

- 1. a. In verses 18-20, what did the religious leaders command Peter and John not to do? How did Peter and John respond?**  
  
**b. Who’s commands or opinions do you listen to? What have you seen that you can’t keep quiet about? See Psalm 40:9-10; Romans 1:16.**
- 2. From verses 21-24a, before letting Peter and John go, what did the religious leaders do? Upon hearing this, what did Peter and John do, and how did God’s people respond?**
- 3. What did the believers acknowledge about God in vs 24b? Why do you think they said this?**
- 4. In verses 25-28, what did they remember that God had said through David? How did they see that prophecy fulfilled and who did they attribute its fulfillment to?**
- 5. What are the believers reminding themselves about God at the start of their prayer? When you face trials and temptations, what do you remind yourself about God?**
- 6. What did the believers ask God for in verses 29-30? Also see Ephesians 6:18-20. What would you have prayed for if you were in their position?**

- 7. Where in your life do you need God's power to boldly speak His word? Where do you need God to stretch out His hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through Jesus' name?**
- 8. How did God respond to their prayer? What visible impact did that have on the believers and on those around them?**

**Read Ephesians 3:12-21.**

- 9. In verses 14-15, how does Paul open his prayer for the Ephesians and what is his attitude before God?**
- 10. a. From verses 16-17a, what does Paul ask God to do for the Ephesians (and all believers) and why does Paul want this for them? Also see Ephesians 2:22.**
- b. Where do you need God's strength in your life, and why do you want it?**
- 11. From verses 17b-19, what does Paul want for the Ephesians (and all believers)? What will the outcome be when this happens? See Mark 4: 5-6, 16-17; John 13:34-35; Romans 8:38-39.**
- 12. What does Paul acknowledge about God in verses 20-21, and how does he praise God? See 1 Corinthians 2:9.**
- 13. Who in your life needs God's spiritual strength and understanding of His great love for them? How will you pray for them this week?**