**Missional Praying**

**Acts 4:23-31**

***19****But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge,****20****for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."* Acts 4:19

***23****When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them.****24****And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them,****25****who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, ‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain?* ***26****The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’—* ***27****for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,****28****to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.****29****And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,****30****while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”****31****And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.*

I. The PEOPLE Of Missional Prayer

*When they were released, they went to their friends...*

II. The PASSION Of Missional Prayer

*And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God*

*“The image is almost musical; a number of notes are sounded which, while different, harmonize in pitch and tone. As the instruments of a great concert under the direction of a concert master, so the Holy Spirit blends together the lives of members of Christ's church.”*

III. The PRAISE Of Missional Prayer

**A. Sovereign CONTROL**

*“Sovereign Lord..."*

**B. Supernatural CREATION**

*“Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them,*

**C. Special COMMUNICATION**

*who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit...*

***1****Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?* ***2****The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,* ***3****“Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”* ***4****He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.* ***5****Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,* ***6****“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”* Psalm 2:1-6

**D. Saving CROSS**

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IV. The PETITION Of Missional Prayer

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V. The PRODUCT Of Missional Prayer

*And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.*

**Last Thought:** If the GLORY of God through the SALVATION of sinners is what we want, then this is HOW we must pray!