

# When the Church prays in Harmony

Scripture: Acts 4:23-37 (MSG)

The main problem of today's Church is prayerlessness.

- **THE CHURCH WILL RECOGNIZE THE SUPREME IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER.**

Vs. 23, 24 (MSG)

- There will be spontaneous desire for praying together.
  - After the report there was no conference organized, but they agonized together in their helpless state.
  - For all of them, prayer became fundamental.
  - Our action speaks louder than our voice and noise in crisis time.
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- **THE CHURCH'S MAIN FOCUS WILL BE THE SOVEREIGN LORD.** Vs. 24
  - The Church will turn their eyes away from man and problems to the sovereign Lord who could solve every issue.
  - When we focus on the Lord, we recognize that ...
    - He is sovereign. Vs 24, 28
    - He is the creator.
    - He is the God who reveals. Vs. 25, 26, 27
    - He is the God with senses to feel for us and act in behalf of us. Vs. 29

- God sees all and waits to intervene and accomplish His will in answer to the prayers of His people.
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- **THE CHURCH'S GREATEST DESIRE WILL BE THE FEARLESS PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL.** Vs. 29 (MSG)
    - They didn't pray "grant us safety, but they prayed for boldness in sharing the gospel"
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- **THE CHURCH WILL HAVE FAITH TO DEMAND MIRACLES THROUGH JESUS.** Vs 30 (NLT)
    - When the Church prays in harmony miracles really take place.
    - Acts 8:6 (NLT); crowds listened intently to what Philip had to say because of the miracles he did.
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- **THE CHURCH WILL BE FILLED AGAIN AND AGAIN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.** Vs 31(MSG)
    - Holy Spirit's shekainah glory of manifested presence will be visible.
    - Prayer is the key for the continuous revival.
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- **THE CHURCH WILL BECOME AN ARMY OF FIRE BRAND PREACHERS.** Vs. 31, 33(MSG)

- But the believers who had fled Jerusalem went everywhere preaching the good news about Jesus. Acts 8:4(NLT)
- Acts 8:5 Philip, for example, went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the messiah. (Philip's four daughters were prophets)
- Conviction and conversion became automatic due to Holy Spirit anointed preaching.
  
- **THE CHURCH WILL BE FILLED WITH THE GRACE OF GOD.** Vs 33(MSG)
  - And grace was on all of them.
  - Different types of grace was displayed
    - The grace of unity. Vs 32
    - The grace of renunciation. Vs 32
    - The grace of fellowship Vs 32
    - The grace of generosity. Vs. 34, 35