



Acts 4:23-31

The church rallies behind Peter and John.

1. A Historical Narrative is:

- a. An _____ account of an _____ series of events.
- b. Never the complete story, but _____ to get the point of the author.
- c. _____ a place where doctrine is introduced or even discussed.
- c. Usually a place where doctrine and Biblical principles are being _____.
- d. Where we see examples that we should embrace, and sometimes _____ from.

2. This historical narrative:

- a. Shows us _____ the church was formed _____ Jesus ascended into heaven.
- b. Introduces us to the _____ of the first church.
- c. Establishes the authentication and authority of these leaders for us to follow.
- d. Asks us to _____ its story, in order to learn it's lessons.

3. Important parts of this story:

- a. "Their own people" (Acts 4:23)
 - _____ between the Christian faith and Judaism.
 - These were a people unto themselves (separate & _____)
 - There was a sense of belonging and _____ among the believers.
 - We should be experiencing and _____ the same qualities today.

- b. "When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer" (Acts 4:24)
- IE: Rather than fight physically or emotionally, they chose to fight spiritually.
- They acknowledged God as _____.
 - They proclaimed God to be the _____.
 - They quoted and agreed with _____.
 - They asked for God to give them _____.
 - They asked for God to do miracles (things only _____ can do)
- c. "They spoke the word boldly" (Acts 4:31)
- _____ let them know that He heard their prayer (Earthquake)
 - They were _____ (empowered, emboldened) with the Holy Spirit
 - Their normal way of living life was _____ altered.

4. Principles that we can apply to our lives today:

- We, the church, needs to have an attitude of _____ to one another as the _____ of God, and of separation with the world, it's thinking, and it lifestyle.
- As Christians, we are called to fight our battles spiritually, in prayer, _____ we start any physical activities on God's behalf.
- Our conversation, lifestyle, attitude, motivation, decision making, etc. must be a continual _____ to God's involvement in my life

Application:

- When you are in a tough spot – _____ others to pray for and with you.

When you find someone in a tough spot – _____

- One of the easiest and successful ways to live a successful Christian life, is to _____ with a community of believers and _____ yourself other influencers.