

Last Sunday, I shared with you a message in our **War** series about how to find **Victory in Prayer**. For those of you who were in service or watched online, you know that I only managed to give you two of the five points to effective and victorious praying. So that you can have the remaining points, I want to give you an outline of my notes with additional Scripture references.

You can also watch the message on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5GTalbsgZH8>

Please let us know if you find this useful.

Blessings!

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Victory in Prayer

Scripture: Acts 4:23-31

Summary

Peter and John were commanded by the Sadducees, the priests and the captain of the temple not to speak or heal in the name of Jesus. To counter the offense and push back such an outrageous demand, they gathered with other believers and together began to pray, calling on God to fight for them in His sovereignty and might. God answered the prayer with everything they asked for and more.

In the spiritual battles we face each day, we can learn from this example on how to respond to assaults from the enemy and receive victory in our prayers. This is a clear Biblical example of a victorious prayer that was specific to its purpose.

Here are five elements of a victorious prayer drawn from this example in Acts 4.

1. Pray with Others

"They went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord." – They gathered their forces: They prayed together and raised their voices to God together in agreement. While we should all have a consistent individual prayer life, there is something powerful when we pray together in unity and in agreement. (Matthew 18:19-20, James 5:16, Psalm 133)

2. Praise and Thanksgiving

"O Sovereign Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them..." – They began the prayer by addressing God for who HE is, expressed gratitude and acknowledged all God has done. This gave them confidence and increased their expectation of what God could do for them. Praise and thanksgiving help us put things into proper perspective; our problems and needs become smaller and smaller in the light of the greatness of our God. (Psalm 100:4, Psalm 95:2)

3. There is Power in the Word

"You spoke long ago by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant, saying," – Together, they repeat God's words back to Him in prayer expecting the same result. The Word of God is alive and present, while past and future. What has been established in historic manifest of God's workings is not merely history but is a prophecy of what is to come. When we pray Scripture, we align our prayers with the will and promises of God. (1 John 5:14, James 4:3)

4. God is Sovereign

“But everything they did was determined beforehand according to Your will.”— Because He is ruler over all things, all people, all circumstances, the prayer expresses a welcome of His dominion in present strength and power to do what He will do in adjustment of the situation. (Matthew 6:10, Matthew 26:39)

5. Be Real

“And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, Your servants, great boldness in preaching Your word” – They were very frank in their request for boldness – to be able to speak truth into the threats they had received, push back the demands to be silenced and carry on with signs and wonders to be done in the name of Jesus. God is well able to handle our deepest and honest thoughts. (Matthew 11:28-)