

**Welcome:**

"Few subjects evoke a greater sense of guilt in the hearts of believers than when we begin to talk about prayer. We know that we ought to pray; we know that we need to pray; and yet, the vast majority of us know that we don't pray."

If you identify with the above statement in any way...what would you say are the main obstacles to you having a consistent and effective prayer life?

Prayer flows from our relationship with the Father, through His Son Jesus Christ and is exercised as we move in the flow of His Spirit.

**Word:**

We will be looking at Acts Chapter 3 and 4

Acts 3: 1-10

What did Peter and John do

What was the impact of their prayer – on the beggar, on others (see also Acts 4:1-7)

What did it lead to (Acts 3:11-26)

Acts 4: 8-22

Consider what happened and what was said

Imagine you were in that setting – how do you think you might feel and react

What might you pray, after you had been released? Compare this to the believers prayer (Acts 4:23-30) and in particular 29-30. Can we learn anything from this attitude and approach?

What was the impact of this? (v31 to end of chapter)

THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER IS ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIP AND ABOUT DEVELOPING AND INCREASING OUR HEARING, RESPONSE TO AND CO-OPERATION WITH GOD

**Worship:**

Use all the main elements of prayer

A – Adoration

C – Confession

T –Thanksgiving

S – Supplication

In your time of sharing and worship

**Witness:**

How does prayer lead to witness, and how does prayer follow witness?

Pray for opportunities to witness during the coming week and pray for the impact of “chance” encounters