

The Spirit Leading Model

Overview of Acts 3

- V1, Peter & John go to the temple for prayer
- V2, lame man lying by the gate
- V6, No alms but Peter offers something greater!
- V8, The lame man is healed
- V11&12, people witnessed and a crowd formed
- V12-26, Peter's message to the people

Acts 4:1-4

- Peter & John are arrested
- The message had already gone out
- The total believers had reached over 5000
 - They believed the message that they heard
 - Romans 10:17

Acts 4:5-31

- V7&8, "The Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit"
 - John 15:26
- Acts 2:4
 - Permanent indwelling of the Spirit for believers
- Matthew 10:5,16-20
- Abiding in the Spirit
- John 14:12-17

- Action: Peter is obedient to the Spirit
- Response: Peter speaks for Christ

Acts 4:9-12

- V10, "by the name" -King, higher than human gov.
- Matthew 4:17 Kingdom of God is at hand

Acts 4:13&14

- Recognizing Peter & John had been with Jesus
- How can we be recognized as having been with Jesus?
 - Time in the Word
 - Joshua 1:8
 - Psalm 119:105
 - Memorizing Scripture
 - Psalm 119:15
 - Proverbs 3:1
 - Grounding ourselves in the Word
 - Prayer
 - 1 Chronicles 16:11
 - Ephesians 6:18
 - Worship/ Singing
 - Joyful noise
- Spending time with Jesus prepares us for service

- V14, No opposition
 - Only truth was before the Sanhedrin
 - V16—they had no response
 - It's hard to argue with the words of Jesus
- What do we see:
 - Action: Peter & John had been with Jesus
 - Response: The council had nothing to say
 - Matthew 12:36&37 Jesus already said it

Acts 4:15-24a

- V23 – They gave a spiritual update
- V24 – They prayed together
 - V32 They were united
- What do we see:
 - Action: Peter & John reported what took place
 - Response: They prayed together

Acts 4:24b-31

- What is the outcome of what had taken place?
 - V29 – they were praying for boldness
 - V31 – They all were abiding in the Spirit
- They continued to speak the Word of God in boldness!

The seven highlighted things from this text:

1. Peter was abiding in the Holy Spirit as he spoke.
2. Peter & John had intimately spent time with Jesus.
3. The opposition had no words to their Spirit led actions.
4. Peter & John reported what Christ was at work doing.
5. The believers prayed together giving glory to God!
6. They prayed for boldness!
7. The believers were all abiding in the Spirit and going out with the Word!

Application for us today:

1. In all that we do, do it Spirit led.
2. We need personal intimate time with Jesus so that by our walk they know we have been with Jesus.
3. Being Spirit led and in the Word, those who oppose us have nothing to use against us, they answer to Christ.
4. We need to share with our fellow believers what Christ is at work doing in our lives. Ministry updates!
5. We need to pray together!
6. We need to pray for boldness to speak the Word. We can't do this on our own, we need the Spirit!
7. When 1-6 are happening, see God at work!