

**Courageous and Collective Prayer:
A Victorious Response to Divine Tension (Acts 4:23-31)**

Diabolical Tension – The mental and/or emotional pressure that comes from trying to find the best way to deny Jesus and perpetrate evil on others. (Acts 4:15-17, 21a; 5:17-18, 33-40)

Divine Tension - The mental and/or emotional pressure that comes from trying to find the best way to trust and glorify God in the face of suffering. (Acts 4:8-12, 19-20, 23-37; 5:19-21, 29-32, 40-42)

Courageous Prayer (Acts 4:23-31)

- That gathers together (23)

- That declares God's Sovereignty & Preeminence (24-28)

- That desires His Kingdom and dares to live boldly (29-30)

- That is miraculously affirmed by God (31a)

- That depends on the Holy Spirit (31b)

- That deepens a bold obedience (31c)

Applications:

- Pray together
- Live Courageously