

CHURCH – THE WAY IT’S SUPPOSED TO BE
PART V
“Spontaneous Combustion”
Acts 4:23-31

Peter and John have been released by the Sanhedrin after being commanded to stop teaching in the name of Jesus, or face serious punishment. They went back to their fellow believers and told them what the religious authorities said, and a “spontaneous combustion” of prayer occurs. This passage reveals insights that can revolutionize our prayer lives and make us better witnesses for Jesus.

1. WE SHOULD PRAY RECOGNIZING THE _____ OF THE LORD, vv. 23-24
 - A. They heard Peter & John’s report of the events
 - B. They spontaneously prayer together (*homothymadón*)
 - C. They saw the Sovereign hand of the Lord in the events
2. WE SHOULD PRAY UTILIZING THE _____, vv. 25-26
 - A. They prayed theologically / Biblically
 - B. They quoted Psalm 2:1-2 – a Psalm of David
 - C. They understood this to be a Messianic Psalm
3. WE SHOULD PRAY ABOUT HOW SCRIPTURE RELATES TO _____, vv. 27-28
 - A. The conspirators Herod & Pontius Pilate with the Gentiles & people of Israel against Jesus
 - B. The Jewish rulers conspired with those opposing Messiah – Jesus, Psalm 2:1-2
 - C. The events all happened according to God’s plan
 - D. Their free will & God’s sovereignty are intact

4. WE SHOULD PRAY FOR COURAGE TO BE _____, v. 29
 - A. The culture at large wants to stop us – cancel culture
 - B. The Devil wants to stop us
 - C. The world wants to stop us
 - D. The Holy Spirit gives boldness to proclaim Jesus!
5. WE SHOULD PRAY FOR GOD TO DO THE _____, v. 30
 - A. The outstretched hand of the Lord is unrivaled power
 - B. The hand of the Lord heals & does sign & wonders
 - C. The hand of the Lord through the name of Jesus
6. THE ANSWER TO THE PRAYER – GOD _____, v. 31
 - A. The shaking is reminiscent of the Siani
 - B. They were filled with the Holy Spirit
 - C. They spoke the word boldly

NOTES:

ANSWERS: Sovereignty, Scriptures, Our Day, Unstoppable Witnesses, Miraculous, Shook It Up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Pastor Bruce will be continuing with his series in the book of Acts: "Church – The Ways it's Supposed to Be."

NEXT WEEK – "BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY"

Woody will bring an inspiring message from the book of Acts, emphasizing the importance of family and the education of our children.

AIR CONDITIONING REPLACEMENT

The new unit will be installed this week and will be up and running for our August 17th service. We would greatly appreciate your donations to the "building fund" to help defray the cost of the unit.

CONGREGATIONAL INTERACTION

If you have any additional comments that you would like to make, feel free to grab a sticky note and write down your thoughts. You can place it in the offering box at the SPOT, or email them to MST@HillcrestRoseville.com. The board is compiling the data and will present our findings to you in a couple of weeks. Thanks for your patience.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary at the SPOT. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com). Support our missionaries through the Great Commission Fund (GCF).

MST MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 19th, @7:00 IN ZOOMLAND

Welcome to Hillcrest Church Generation Next - 2025 & Beyond!

*Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs
and wonders through the name of
your holy servant Jesus.*

Acts 4:30

*August 10, 2025
Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD*

AUGUST 17TH BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

To bless our kids as they return to school, we are having a special Sunday. Consider donating things that would be useful to the kids such as backpacks, notebooks, pens, pencils, etc.

To bless the teachers at Cirby school with items they run out of during the year, consider donating the following:

- Printer paper
- Expo Markers – thick and thin
- Ticonderoga Pencils
- Pencil cap erasers
- Tissues
- Cleaning wipes
- Baby wipes
- Construction paper
- Cardstock
- Sticky notes
- Highlighters
- Glue sticks
- Markers
- Sharpies
- Crayola crayons

Bring these items back to church on or before August 17 and Pastor Bruce will present the gifts to the school on behalf of the church.