

YOUTH Devotions - February 6-10

ACTS

Day 1. Acts 4:1-2 ¹The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. ²They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.

A. It has always been a problem with people to think that Jesus or anyone has raised from the dead. Fact is that it has happened, and it's still happening. You should know, missionaries report all the time that in places where the Church is just beginning miracles like this happen all the time.

B. Spend some time today praying for an area of your life that needs a miracle. Also spend some time praying for a miracle to happen to someone that you know is in need.

Day 2 (Parent Night) Acts 4:3-4 ³They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. ⁴But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand.

A. It is amazing what we see in the Bible when the Apostles are faithful in spreading the word of God. I am also amazed when I have seen people today who are faithful in spreading the word of God. Would you say that your family is faithful? Why or why not? Do you think that there might be people that you still need to be more bold with?

B. List three people that you would like to have a talk about God with. Do you think you will? Spend some time praying about you and your relationship with these people.

Day 3 Acts 4:5-7 ⁵The next day the rulers, elders and teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and the other men of the high priest's family. ⁷They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

A. Do you think it is amazing that the rulers of the day wanted to know where the "power" or by what "name"? It is amazing that the same people that hung Jesus on the cross now were scared that Jesus was giving them the authority. You have that same authority to speak about God that they did. Spend some time thinking and praying tonight about how you can use the power of God to grow is kingdom.

Day 4. Acts 4:8-10 ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

A. This is one of my favorite verses in the Bible, the leaders finally hear the truth and it scares them to death. People have seen this man healed in Acts 3:6 and now that miracle that everyone can see is being used to grow the kingdom.

B. People today are scared to death that the Bible is true and Jesus is the Son of God. People are scared because they want to be right, and the problem is that God is right. Take confidence today and thank God that he is true and good.

Day 5 Acts 4:11-12 ¹¹He is the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone. ¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which **we** must be saved."

A. You don't have to look very long in the New Testament to find that Jesus is the **only** way to be saved. Some people don't like it, but if this wasn't true then Jesus would never have had to die on the **cross**. The fact is, he was the perfect sacrifice and we needed him to be that. It isn't narrow minded, it's grace. Thank God today for giving you a way to be saved through him.