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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Acts 4:29-31 Now, *LORD, consider their threats and enable Your servants to speak Your word with great boldness. Stretch out Your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of Your holy servant Jesus. After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.* (NIV)

What a beautiful reminder to us as Christians; that we find such divine power in prayer. I think we need to be reminded of this daily. The power of the abundant life is found in the One that we pray to. He has all power, all wisdom, and all knowledge. Everything that we will ever need is found in Him. **Phil. 4:19** *And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.* (NIV)

Luke reminds us of this as he gives an account of this amazing day. Peter and John had been called before the Sanhedrin to be told not to speak anymore in the name of Jesus. **Acts 4:19-20** *But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to Him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."* (NIV) So instead of succumbing to the threats of the 'religious leaders,' they were empowered by the Holy Spirit and spoke the truth with boldness. If you find yourself timid and unable to share the LORD with others, the very first step is prayer. Pray for the LORD's empowerment. Pray for your obedience. Pray for the Holy Spirit to speak through you. The result? *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.*

Dear LORD, we come to You knowing that You are the giver of all good things. In this matter of speaking for you, we can sometimes be timid and afraid. This does not come from You. We pray that you will fill us with boldness to stand for You and proclaim the name that is above all names: the name of Jesus! In Jesus Name, Amen