

## **WHEN GOD SHOWS UP**

Acts 4:31-33

### Introduction:

1. Jack Taylor says, "Revival is just picking up the victories that have been slain in prayer."
2. Prayer anoints the wheels of God's machine.
3. We should pray, "God revive your work among us that your people might rejoice in you."

### **I. (v. 31) PRAYER WELCOMES THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

1. They were beseeching God to do what man can't.
2. The Holy Spirit crushes bad attitudes, wicked hearts, and meets spiritual needs.
3. II Cor. 3:18 – Reminds us we are changed into the mindset of God.
4. Zech. 4:6 – This is the revival promise as a result of the Holy Spirit.

### **II. PRAYER BRINGS THE FULLNESS OF GOD'S POWER.**

1. Power in confrontation is granted to the New Testament church (Acts 4:24, 31-33, 5:14; Luke 18:1).
2. Prayer brings Power in proclamation to the New Testament church.
  - A. Look at the results of the power:
    - 1) (v. 31) The place was shaking.
    - 2) (v. 31) They were filled with the Holy Spirit.
    - 3) (v. 31) They spoke the Word of God with boldness.
    - 4) (v. 32) They were unified in spirit.
    - 5) (v. 32) They helped one another.
    - 6) (v. 33) They were bold in the witness of the resurrection.
    - 7) (v. 33) They lived in the abundance of God's grace.
  - B. I Samuel 12:23 – It is sinful not to pray.
3. Prayer brings Power in salvation (Acts 12:5; 16:25).

### **III. PRAYER BRINGS ETERNAL BLESSINGS TO THE LORD'S CHURCH.**

1. Prayer brings eternal blessings to the people.
2. Prayer brings eternal blessings to the pastor.

Conclusion: Isaiah 40:31