

WELCOME TO THE REVOLUTION

Acts 1:1-5:10

Who made these phone calls?

- Wi-Fi in the coffee shop isn't working.
- "What's the fine for jaywalking?"
- Pizza not fresh; wants a replacement slice.
- "What's the number for my travel agency?"
- Asked for a taxi referral.
- "Is today a stat holiday?"
- Food they ordered is cold.
- Wants help finding lost glasses.
- Home internet is not working.
- "What's the date today?"

**911 calls in
BC in 2014!**

**What do Christians
do when they are
in trouble?**

The revolution so far ...

Mar 22	Acts 1:1-11	Wait
Mar 29	Acts 1:12-2:13	Pray
Apr 5	Acts 2:14-41	Repent
Apr 12	Acts 2:42-47	Give
Apr 19	Acts 3:1-4:22	Speak
Apr 26	Acts 4:23-31	Pray
May 3	Acts 4:32-5:10	Share

As you listen ...

... don't use "first world" ears

... notice a revolutionary understanding of prayer

Acts 4:23-31

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God.

1. Where does "prayer" rank in my order of responses?

Acts 4:23-31

"Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.'

Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.

2. When I pray, do I remember who God is?

Acts 4:23-31

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."

3. When I pray, do I really believe that God will do something?

ICU in Regina

Acts 4:23-31

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.

What did the people *not* pray for?

What *did* the people pray for?

*enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness ...
stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders ...*

Christians and churches need prayer today



Now what?

Pray for persecuted Christians this week (boldness and power)

Pray for boldness for yourself this week