

**Praying in the Light of Easter
Possibilities in Prayer
Acts 4:23-31
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**Daily Bible Readings
April 13-19**

Introduction – Too good to be true?

- The resurrection of Jesus (John 20:24-29)
 - John 14:13,14; 16:24
- The release of Peter (Acts 12)
- A modern day rescue
 - from Pivotal Praying by John Hull and Tim Elmore

If you knew for sure that Jesus was alive, would it make a difference in how you pray?

I. Prayers to a sovereign God

- A. Master of all (Greek *despotes*)
- B. Creator of the world
- C. Author of Scripture
- D. Shaper of history

II. Prayers in the name of the risen Jesus

- Bold witness and transformed lives

III. Praying together

We believe that through Jesus Christ we can enjoy personal, intimate access to God through prayer and that persistent, believing prayer is critical to our effectiveness in carrying out Christ's mission. We believe the promise of Jesus that all things are possible through prayer. We accept his invitation to keep on asking, seeking and knocking, as children approaching with confidence a loving father. We also recognize that we are in a spiritual war zone. We desire to cultivate a lifestyle of constant prayer, both individually and together, at home, in the church and in the world.

Follow-Throughs

How did the truth of resurrection of Jesus impact the lives of the early believers? How did they pray, and how did they live? Each day reflect on the truth that Jesus is alive, and enter into conversation with him as you go through your day. Remember that he loves you, and that he has all the power needed to work in your situation, and to transform and equip you to deal with your situation.

Monday Acts 2

Tuesday Acts 3

Wednesday Acts 4

Thursday Acts 5

Friday Acts 16

Warm-Ups

Saturday Ephesians 6:10-17

In what areas are you most aware of the spiritual battle going on around you? Ask the Lord for strength to "stand your ground" today. Reflect on each piece of the spiritual armor, and imagine putting that armor on piece by piece before going into your day.

Sunday Ephesians 6:18-20

Pray today for all those who are preaching and teaching God's Word, beginning with those in our own congregation. Pray for fellow believers who may be under particular spiritual assault today.