

Series: When the Holy Spirit Makes a Mess Series –
Learning to Live with Holy Disruption
Part 2 – Power Without Permission
Text: Acts 4:31-33 (ESV)

I. THE SPIRIT ANSWERS A PRAYING CHURCH

"And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken..." **Acts 4:31a**

"And the LORD thundered with a mighty sound that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion, and they were defeated before Israel" **1 Samuel 7:10.**

Personal Application: Pressure has a way of exposing where our confidence truly rests. When difficulty arrives, do you move first toward prayer or toward panic?

II. THE SPIRIT STRENGTHENS HIS PEOPLE FOR THE WORK GOD HAS GIVEN THEM

"...and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness." **Acts 4:31b**

"Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak" **Exodus 4:12.**

Personal Application: Before asking the Lord to remove the obstacles, ask Him to provide everything necessary to fulfill it faithfully.

III. THE SPIRIT KEEPS CHRIST AT THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING

"And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all." **Acts 4:33**

Personal Application: The clearest evidence of the Spirit's work in our lives is how consistently our lives point others to Jesus Christ.