NMBC – Sunday November 12th. Acts 4: 1-31.

**Key ideas:**

This chapter tells the story of a particular day in the life of Peter and John.

* In Acts 3, Peter and John, through the power of the Holy Spirit, healed a 40 year old man who had been unable to walk since he was born.
* Peter used this opportunity to tell all the people who gathered round about the power of God.
* The Sanhedrin who ruled the Jewish people were furious that the man had been healed.
* Peter said it was the power of the Holy Spirit and that this was the start of God’s new kingdom
* Peter and John were arrested, put in prison overnight, and questioned the next day.
* The Sanhedrin told them to stop talking about God but Peter and John refused.
* They were released, and then the whole church prayed that they would all be bold for God.

**Key verses:**

V 10:It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead that this man stands before you healed.

V12 Salvation is found in no one else.

V19-20: Peter and John replied, “judge for yourselves whether it is right in Gods sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard”.

**Learning points:**

What gave Peter and John boldness?

V 13 they had been with Jesus

V 8 they were filled with the power of the Holy spirit

V 24 all the church prayed to God about it

What can we learn about praying?

God is sovereign i.e. in total control over everything even our enemies

So we can ask him for boldness and the help of the Holy spirit

What we can learn from this:

V 20 – Peter told others “about what he had seen and heard”. How has Jesus helped you? How can you share that with other people?

You might face opposition – either direct attack like in this story or complete disinterest or apathy from other people.

The way to know how to respond is:

* To spend time alone being with Jesus
* To ask God to fill you with His Holy spirit
* To be part of a praying community