

Dependent Prayer

1 Corinthians 12:27

You are the **Body of Christ** and each one a member of it.

Acts 1:14

They all **joined together constantly in prayer**, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Acts 2:42

They devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching** and to **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and to **prayer**.

The Koinonia Wall to His Church is built by Kingdom members who
have an insatiable _____,
have a seat at the _____, and
are living daily in _____.

Today's Story: Acts 4:23-31—The Believers Pray

How should the Body of Christ pray?

- God's _____ over all things

*When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them." **Acts 4:24***

- My steps of _____ in all things

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:6-7***

- His _____ out of all things

*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. **Acts 4:31***

- My confident _____ through all things

*I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength. **Philippians 4:12-13***

*For we live by faith, not by sight. **2 Corinthians 5:7***



Digging Deeper

Discuss the three points highlighted on Sunday morning about what it takes to build the Koinonia Wall to His Church (devotion to the Word, a seat at the table, dependence on prayer). *(10 minutes)*

- What makes sense to you?
- What needs to be clarified for you?

Discuss **prayer**, as seen in the story from Acts 4:23-31. *(20 minutes)*

- Why do you think it was so critical that the believers pray to the “Sovereign Lord” here? Why is it so important that you recognize the “Sovereign Lord” in the events of your life?
- What impresses you about the believers’ prayer life in this story (and how can you apply it to your prayer life)?
 - Their faith?
 - Their desire for boldness?
 - Their confidence in God’s power?
 - The end results?

When in your own life have you depended on God totally, with no other recourse, and seen him work through the situation? *(10 minutes)*

Look carefully at Philippians 4:7-8, Philippians 4:12-13, and 2 Corinthians 5:7. As time permits, discuss each of these passages. *(15 minutes)*

- Do you know how to live this way?
- Why is this kind of prayer lifestyle so important in the Koinonia/fellowship of our church?

Discuss the practical issues of a prayer life, giving help on how to develop a prayer life for each person in the group. *(5 minutes)*

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

(for examination with your small group AND your personal time this week)

- Do you have a prayer life that is regular? Personal prayer time? Small group prayer time?
- If you need help and guidance to grow in this area of your life, please let one of our pastors or church leaders know, and we will help you.

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK

Prepare your heart for Christmas:

- Matthew 1-2
- Luke 1-2
- John 1