






All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.<sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all<sup>34</sup> that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales<sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.<sup>36</sup> Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"),<sup>37</sup> sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

**ACTS 4:32-37 NIV**




**YOUR BOLDNESS FOR GOD IS DIRECTLY  
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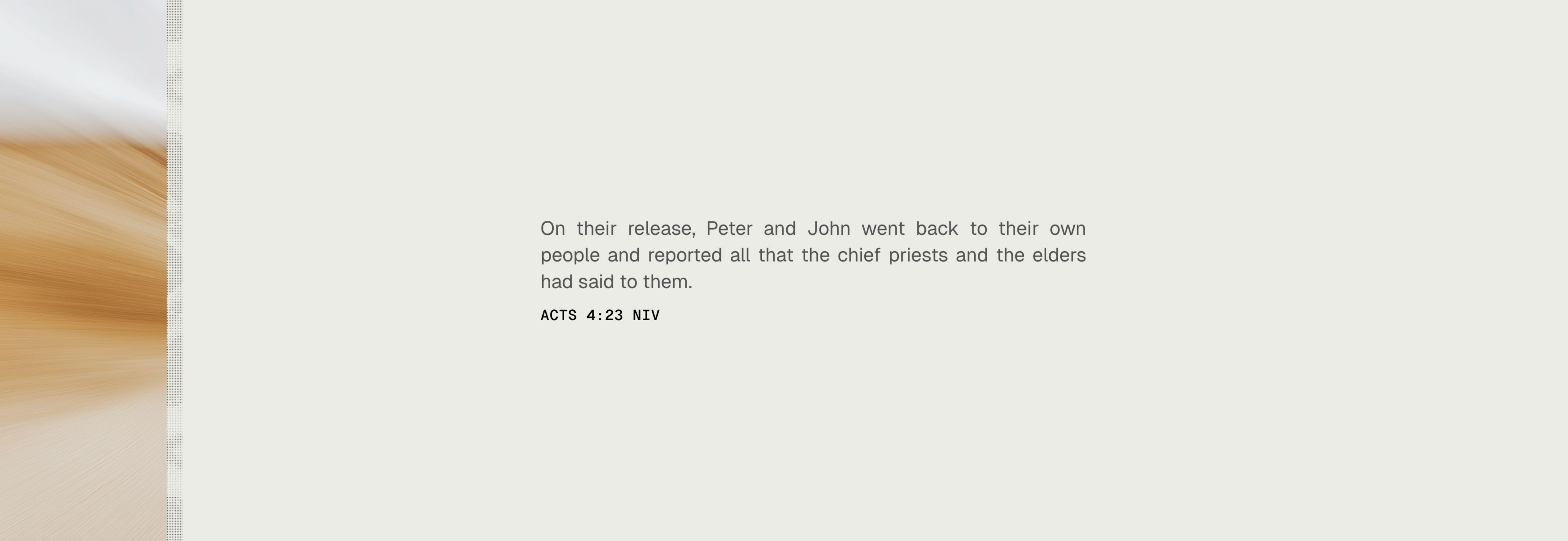
**ACTS 4:23 NIV**



The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people.<sup>2</sup> They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.<sup>3</sup> They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.

**ACTS 4:1-3 NIV**





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**ACTS 4:23 NIV**



THEIR

People


Prayer

Power

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ACTS 4:23 NIV





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**ACTS 4:23-24A NIV**



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**ACTS 4:23-24A NIV**





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**ACTS 4:23-24A NIV**





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People

Prayer

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ACTS 4:23-24A NIV





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People

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ACTS 4:23-24 NIV



THE MOST POWERFUL FORM  
OF PROTEST IS PRAYER.



THEIR

People

Prayer

+ PRAISE

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ACTS 4:23-24 NIV



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ACTS 4:23-24 NIV

DESPOTĒS

Sovereign Lord, master, or slave owner. A ruler of unchallengeable power.



THEIR

People

Prayer


+ PRAISE

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ACTS 4:23-24 NIV






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? <sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.’ <sup>27</sup> 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.

**ACTS 4:25-27 NIV**





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ACTS 4:25-27 NIV

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PSALM 2:1-2 NIV



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? <sup>26</sup> The **kings** of the earth rise up and the **rulers** band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.’ <sup>27</sup> 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.

ACTS 4:25-27 NIV





They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. <sup>29</sup> Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. <sup>30</sup> Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

**ACTS 4:28-30 NIV**



THEIR

People

Prayer

+ PRAISE

+ PETITION

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ACTS 4:28-30 NIV





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ACTS 4:28-30 NIV



## SPIRITUAL BOLDNESS

Inspires change

Focused on love

Desire is to express truth from Scripture

Lead by Holy Spirit

Listen and seek to understand before speaking

Points to Jesus

## RUDENESS

Inspires division

Focused on self

Desire is to win

Lead by Emotions

Assumes and Accuses

Points to You





THEIR

People

Prayer

+ PRAISE

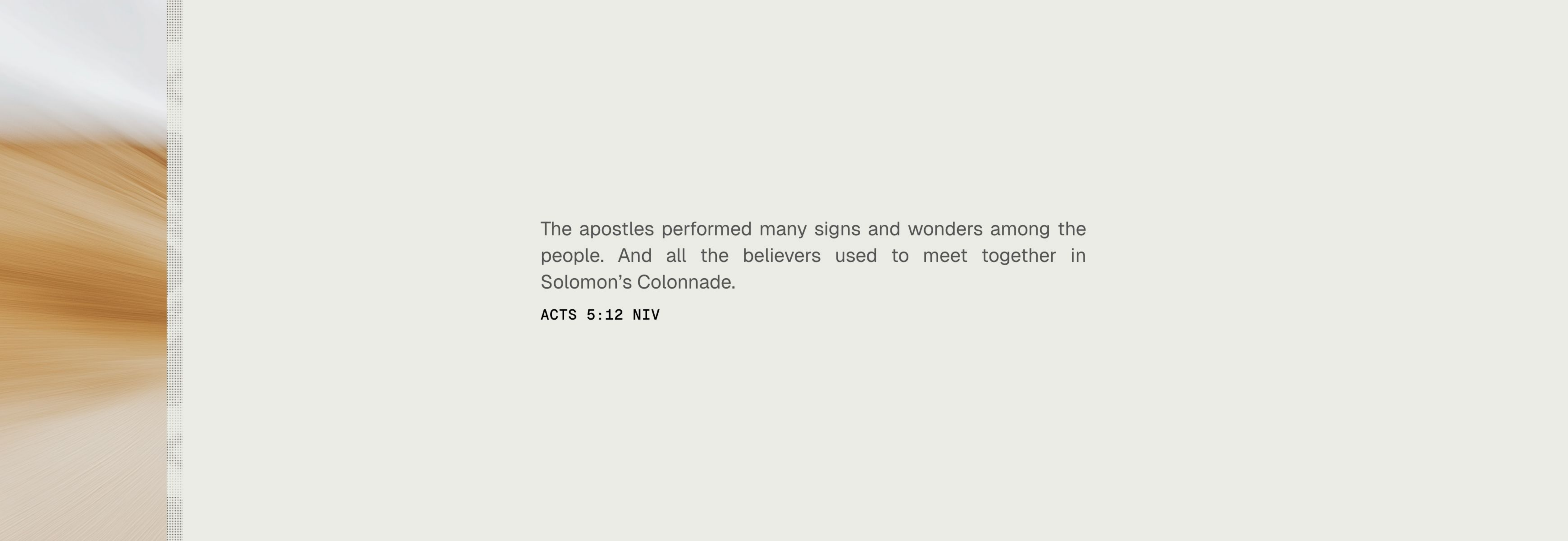
+ PETITION

Power

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 NIV





The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade.

**ACTS 5:12 NIV**



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## GOD MADE

ACTS 4:24 NIV

**You made** the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

## GOD SPOKE

ACTS 4:25 NIV

**You spoke** by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David

## GOD DECIDED

ACTS 4:28 NIV

They did what **your power and will had decided** beforehand should happen.





**Praise God**  
FOR WHO HE IS

**Thank God**  
FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE

**Ask God**



# Praise God

FOR WHO HE IS

Alpha and Omega:  
Beginning and End

All Powerful God:  
Omnipotent

All Knowing God:  
Omniscient

Always Present God:  
Omnipresent

Elohim: The All-Powerful Creator

Adonai: The Owner of All

Jehovah-Jireh: The Lord Who Provides

Jehovah Rophe: The Lord Who Heals

Jehovah Robi: The Lord My Shepherd

Jehovah Shalom: The Lord Our Peace

Immanuel: God With Us

Sovereign Lord

King of Kings

Lord of Lords

One True God

Everlasting God

Prince of Peace

Loving Father



# Thank God

FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE

For salvation through Jesus Christ

For forgiveness of sins

For the gift of the Holy Spirit

For His Word that guides us

For His steadfast love and faithfulness

For His daily provision and protection

For His mercy and grace

For family, friends, and community

For His creation and blessings in our lives



# Ask God

For wisdom and discernment

For boldness to share the Gospel

For hope for the hurting

For peace in the midst of worry or fear

For healing: physical, emotional, spiritual

For comfort for the grieving

For protection over our hearts, minds, and bodies

For revival in our community, city, and nation

For strength to endure trials and temptations

For the strength to forgive and walk in love

For God's kingdom to come and His will to be done