



Listening Guide
Sunday, February 9, 2020
Under Orders
The Supernatural Power of the Church
Acts 2:23-31

Acts 2:23-31 - When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

"Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed' —

²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

1. **Trust in** _____.

2. **Study/know the** _____.

3. **Ask for God to do** _____.

4. **Be filled with** _____.



Application Guide
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Home Group/Study Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the truths we are learning.

Large Group

1. Was there any passage of scripture or statement in the message today that was particularly meaningful or applicable to you?

Small Group

2. Is prayer a regular part of your day? What is the significance of the statement "Prayerlessness is not a discipline problem – but a pride problem. An active prayer life is the result of realizing how desperate you are for the Spirit's power and how willing God is to help." (Paul Miller, *A Praying Life*)
3. Read **Psalm 115:3** and **Ephesians 1:11**. Why does trusting in the sovereignty of God seem so difficult at times? How can we grow in this area of faith?
4. Read **Ephesians 3:20-21**. Two great truths here. God can do more than we can imagine, and it's according to *His power in us* that He works. Remember and share times when you've experienced God working in you.
5. What does boldness for the Gospel look like in your life today? Will you take time to ask God for boldness in your testimony, for His glory?