

“Bold Prayer”  
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### Acts 4:23-31 (ESV)

*“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” – A.W. Tozer*

## FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS THAT GOVERN PRAYER

### 1. Behavior is born out of **belief**.

- What I believe determines how I behave.

### 2. “Prayer behavior” reflects what I **believe about God** (Acts 4:23-28).

- Selfish prayers—believe God exists for me.
- Seldom prayers—disbelief that God answers prayers.
- Safe prayers—believe God is small, weak, or reluctant.

### 3. Boldness in prayer reveals my belief that **God does the impossible** (Acts 4:29-31).

- Bold prayer is specific, dangerous, and expectant, and it seeks the impossible things that God wants to accomplish (vv. 29-30).
- Bold prayer is not just words. It is going after something that is guaranteed to fail unless God shows up (v. 31).

## KEY QUESTION

How amazed are people by my boldness?

Generic Predictable Safe Benign	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Specific Dangerous Impossible Expectant
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## CENTRAL TRUTH

What I believe about God determines how I pray and what I do after I pray.