

# 2010 ... To Love, Serve, and Share!

## *United in Heart and Mind*

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<sup>1</sup> Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. <sup>2</sup>As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. **Acts 3:1-2 NLT**

### **United in Boldness**

<sup>1</sup> While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. <sup>2</sup> These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup> They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning. <sup>4</sup>But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of believers now totaled about 5,000 men, not counting women and children.

<sup>5</sup> The next day the council of all the rulers and elders and teachers of religious law met in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> Annas the high priest was there, along with Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and other relatives of the high priest. <sup>7</sup> They brought in the two disciples and demanded, "By what power, or in whose name, have you done this?"

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of our people, <sup>9</sup> are we being questioned today because we've done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? <sup>10</sup> Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead.

<sup>11</sup>For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, 'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved." **Acts 4:1-12 NLT**

<sup>13</sup> The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus. **Acts 4:13 NLT**

<sup>14</sup> But since they could see the man who had been healed standing right there among them, there was nothing the council could say.

**Acts 4:14 NLT**

<sup>19</sup> But Peter and John replied, "Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? <sup>20</sup> We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard." **Acts 4:19-20 NLT**

### **United in Prayer**

<sup>23</sup> As soon as they were freed, Peter and John returned to the other believers and told them what the leading priests and elders had said.

<sup>24</sup> When they heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God: **Acts 4:23-24<sup>a</sup> NLT**

"O Sovereign Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them." **Acts 4:24<sup>b</sup> NLT**

<sup>29</sup> "And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. <sup>30</sup>Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus." **Acts 4:29-30 NLT**

<sup>31</sup>After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness. **Acts 4:31 NLT**

### **United in Sharing**

<sup>32</sup> All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had.

<sup>33</sup> The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them <sup>35</sup> and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need. **Acts 4:32-35 NLT**

