

# GROWING IN FAITH



## Acts 4

They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: “By what power or what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.”

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:7-12

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## GOING DEEPER

Read Acts 4:7-12. This is a recurring and fundamental theme.

What does this mean to you personally?

Why do you think Peter repeats this theme?

What relationship does Acts 4:23-31 have with the rest of the chapter?

What role does prayer have in the life of the early church?

Read Acts 4:32-37. Compare to Acts 2:42-47.

How are these passages similar? Different?

Why does this theme seem to repeat?

The Lord added to their number.

This is Luke’s way of reminding us of the numerical growth of the gospel. They seem to be a community that people wanted to be a part of.

How can we be a community people want to be a part of? How can we live so that people want to be around us and have what we have?