

LOVING GRACE IN ACTION

Acts 4:23-31

Main Idea: *The loving accountability (grace) of a covenant discipleship group provides the best grace-filled environment for being and making disciples.*

Witness the loving grace in action within the early Church

Introduction: Believers are People of Grace!

I. Consider their grace group. (Acts 4:23)

- A. “Peter and John went back to their own people” - fellow believers.
- B. Here they found:
 - 1. Emotional and spiritual support.
 - 2. Encouragement.
 - 3. Accountability.
 - 4. An inviting group that encouraged vulnerability.
 - 5. Partners in ministry.

II. Consider their action plan (Acts 4:24-28).

- 1. Prayer
- 2. Confidence in God’s Sovereignty
- 3. Praise (v. 24)
- 4. Scripture inspired by the Holy Spirit
- 5. Testimony

III. Consider the prayer requests (4:29-30).

- A. They simply prayed for:
 - 1. Renewed strength to preach the gospel message of Jesus with “great boldness” (v. 29).
 - 2. God to work in miraculous ways to magnify “the name of your holy servant Jesus” (v. 30).

Conclusion: The Result of their Loving Grace in Action (Acts 4;31)

- The place where they were meeting was shaken.
- They received a new infilling with the Holy Spirit.
- They spoke the word of God boldly.

Action Step: *Commit (or re-commit) yourself to a grace group – a Sunday School class, LifeGroup, midweek Bible Study group, men’s, women’s, youth, children’s group, etc.*