



What does it look like to identify with Jesus?

Identifying with the Power of God:

I. The power is _____.

Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus. And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply. But when they had ordered them to leave the Council, they began to confer with one another, saying, "What shall we do with these men? For the fact that a noteworthy miracle has taken place through them is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.

Acts 4:13–16 (NASB)

Review:

- **Acts 1** – Jesus rose from the grave and commanded His disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit.
- **Acts 2** – The Holy Spirit fell on the 120 disciples, and they were filled with God's presence and power.
- **Acts 3** – Peter and John healed a man who was paralyzed from birth.
- **Acts 4** – Peter and John were thrown in jail for speaking and teaching in Jesus' name.

II. The power has _____.

"...But so that it will not spread any further among the people, let us warn them to speak no longer to any man in this name." And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard." When they had threatened them further, they let them go (finding no basis on which to punish them) on account of the people, because they were all glorifying God for what had happened; for the man was more than forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

Acts 4:17–22 (NASB)

III. The power is _____.

When they had been released, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O Lord, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM, who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Your servant, said, 'WHY DID THE GENTILES RAGE, AND THE PEOPLES DEVISE FUTILE THINGS? 'THE KINGS OF THE EARTH TOOK THEIR STAND, AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST THE LORD AND AGAINST HIS CHRIST.' 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, to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur. And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:23–31 (NASB)

POINT: _____



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Something to take home and chew on!

1. What is your God like?

- a. Far off or personal?
- b. Historic or present?
- c. Distant or involved?
- d. More like Abraham Lincoln or a loving parent?
- e. More like Jupiter or confidante?
- f. More like a grizzly in nature or a close friend?

2. How do you identify with God?

3. What does it mean to you that God is personal? That God has a name you can know? That Jesus wants to identify with you?

4. What does it look like in your life to know the power who is a person?

5. What does it look like in your life to identify with Jesus?

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ANSWER KEY:

- I. A PERSON
- II. A NAME
- III. IN IDENTIFICATION

Point: THE POWER IS A PERSON. THE POWER HAS A NAME. THE POWER IS IN IDENTIFICATION.