

3-2-1 We have lift off - Believers' prayer and prayer for the persecuted

Acts 4 v23-31

1. You may like to retrace the 3-2-1 lift-off sequence in the scripture reading.
 - 3) The event – Peter and John's release from prison where they had suffered persecution (v23).
 - 2) The gathering of many believers (v23).
 - 1) From this fellowship came spontaneous prayer (v24).

Reread their prayer (v24-30) noting its power and comprehensiveness.

Lift-off follows, apparently as a result of such fervent prayer.

2. In Jubilee Church we have had events which have drawn the church together and brought about fresh unity and (sense of) purpose. How have these events impacted you?

3. Many have noticed (experienced) a new lightness of spirit and empowering of the Holy Spirit in recent weeks. Would you say this is because we have become a much more prayerful church almost overnight. Have you become aware or even engrossed in this beautiful prayer renewal? How can we expand our prayer lives, individually, in pairs in church gateways, and in prayer meetings? How do you determine not to miss out on this?

4. There is probably more persecution of Christians now than in recent years. Where before we were ignored there is now more active persecution.

Where have you noticed this at home and abroad?

Surely this persecution should activate more prayer from us?

5. (Returning to Jubilee Church)

Have you noticed any signs of lift-off? If so share your observations.

How do you see this progressing as the Holy Spirit rushes into His Church?

Be ready to follow our leaders' perception of this opportunity!