

Living Well in a Hard World

Acts 4:23-31

- I. What you rely on depends on how much help you think you need.

- II. The kind of help you need depends on what outcome you're looking for.

- III. Why you would want that outcome depends on what you have experienced.

Discussion Questions:

1. When you're faced with a strong challenge over how you're living your life—especially when your faith is directly involved—what do you tend to turn to first to deal with the challenge?
2. Where does turning to prayer—to being with Jesus—tend to come on your list of the things you rely on in those times?
3. When you do turn to the Lord, what do you tend to ask him for? How do you want him to intervene?
4. Can you share a recent time when you realized how much you needed God's mercy and patience so that you could find refuge in his son (Psalm 2:12)?
 - a. How has that experience of his mercy to you moved your heart for people around you?
 - b. Is there someone you'd like to boldly share Jesus with?
 - c. Take some time now to find someone else to pray with and ask the Lord to give you an opportunity to talk about your faith with them and also ask for the boldness to go with the opportunity he gives.

Website: When faced with opposition, God's people ask him for boldness and opportunities to share the refuge they've found in him.