

Sermon Title: "WHY NOT IN THE NEW YEAR?"

Date: January 8, 2023 - Acts 4:31-37; Luke 1:37

Central Idea: Christians find both power and joy in prayer. Are you experiencing this?

Introduction:

"When they had prayed..." we read of those Jerusalem believers in the first century, "...the place was shaken." One of our greatest and most urgent needs is more prayer, individual and united supplication and intercession. Only then will our "place" be "shaken," and our lives "filled with the Holy Spirit." Only then will the Word of God be spoken with boldness "in our generation."

Why not make this a year of change in your life? Do you need change in your physical, mental, social and spiritual life?

- 1. Why not a new beginning?**
- 2. Why not answered prayers? Acts 4:31**
- 3. Why not revival? Acts 4:31-32**
- 4. Why not evangelism? Acts 4: 31, 33**
- 5. Why not generosity? Acts 4:34-37**

Conclusion:

"With God nothing shall be impossible." (Luke 1:37) All these good things can happen in your life. For the attitude of prayer we must have acts of prayer. For these acts of prayer, we must have times of prayer. "From the act will come the habit; from the habit, the attitude; from the attitude the character—settled, strong, sure, abiding. Then God's presence will be more and more a delight, and God's power more and more realized." (W.H. Griffith Thomas)