

# AWAKE

LEARNING TO BE RENEWED PEOPLE, SEEKING  
RENEWAL IN OUR WORLD

## Awake: Contending Prayer | Acts 4:23-31

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“Why did the Gentiles rage,  
and the peoples plot in vain?

<sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves,  
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against the Lord and against his Anointed’—

<sup>27</sup> 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, <sup>28</sup> to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. <sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, <sup>30</sup> while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” <sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

“They began their new lives as fireseeds of prayer, founding a nationwide prayer movement which continues today. The fireseeds became witnesses for Christ, used

mightily to start spiritual fires across our nation and into many corners of the world. Fireseeds traveled to China, Japan, and America. Anywhere Korean people assembled a spark seemed to ignite.” -Dr. Joon Gon Kim

“Whenever God is ready to do something new with His people, He always sets them to praying.”—J. Edwin Orr

### **Do we see the world’s brokenness clearly enough to contend on the world’s behalf?**

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### **Do we see God as big enough and good enough to overcome the world’s brokenness?**

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### **Do we see our story as being part of God’s story?**

#### **Acts 4:27-31**

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## **Pray for Crossline Young Adults**

Pray that we would rely on the Holy Spirit

Pray that we would be committed to God's Word

Pray that we would love each other in Jesus' name

Pray that we would be welcoming

Pray that you would be bold to share the good news of Jesus

## **Pray for the Young Adults of Orange County**

Pray for your friends, coworkers or classmates

Pray that people would have a "Holy Discontent" with life without God

Pray that God would draw people to him

Pray the people would experience the love and redemption of Jesus

Pray for restoration in the face of whatever brokenness burdens you