

# Speaking Together

ACTS 4:23-31

Sunday, February 22, 2026 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

A Ready Storyteller **PRAYS** first, (v. 23-28)

**P.E.A.R.L.—Pray for people, places, pains** Colossians 4:2-4; Rom 10:1; Eph 1:17-18; 1 Tim 2:1-4

**God’s already working** v. 26-28 Psalm 2:1-2; Acts 17:26-27; 2 Cor 4:6; John 6:44; Philippians 1:6

asks for **COURAGE** and **OPPORTUNITY**, (v. 29-30)

**“God, give me courage...”** v. 29 Joshua 1:9; Isaiah 41:10; 2 Timothy 1:7-8; Hebrews 13:6

**“...and help me live ready.”** 1 Peter 3:15; Colossians 4:5-6; 2 Tim 4:2; Matt 5:16

and trusts the Spirit to **WORK THROUGH THEM**.

(v. 31)

**God’s Part: Prepares. Gives Courage. Fills Us.** v. 31 Eph 6:19-20

**our part: Pray. Trust. Speak.** John 14:26; Luke 12:11-12; 1 Cor 2:4-5; Romans 10:14-15; Psalm 37:5

We are *sent* to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

## THE SHARED STORY

### P.E.A.R.L.

PEARL is an acronym we use to help you share your story and God’s story with those who are far from God!

- P**RAY for them
- E**AT with them
- A**SK questions
- R**EVEAL your story
- L**OVE them tangibly



To learn more about P.E.A.R.L. scan the QR or visit [wawaseebible.com/pearl](http://wawaseebible.com/pearl)

The first step as you are sent as a **Ready Storyteller** is to **PRAY**. When you pray, consider praying for specific **people** by name, and/or a specific **place**, and/or a specific **pain** or problem that needs God’s grace.

#### MY P.E.A.R.L. LIST:

##### people

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

##### place

1. \_\_\_\_\_

##### pain

1. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Ready Storyteller

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God’s story.



## Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group’s study. If you’re interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

### Welcome to Life Groups!

Each week we’ll spend part of our time getting to know more about one another.

#### Share with the Group:

What’s one conversation this week you replayed in your head afterward—because you wished you’d said something different?

**Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching,** was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn’t gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. **In Acts 4:23–31,** what do you notice about the order of the prayer? How might that order matter when you feel nervous to speak as a **Ready Storyteller**?
2. **Read Acts 4:29–31.** What do they not ask God for, and what do they ask for instead?
  - What does that reveal about how they understood courage and obedience?
3. **Look up Ephesians 6:18–20.** What specifically does Paul want prayer to produce in him?
  - As you consider Paul’s words here, does it help clarify anything about what “boldness” is (and isn’t)? How so?
4. **Look up Colossians 4:2–6 and compare it with Ephesians 6:18–20.** What overlaps do you see?
  - Going back to our previous sermon series on habits, what practical habits do these passages assume (or point us toward)?

(Study Guide continues on back panel...)

At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.



### Secure Son/Daughter

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



### Courageous Connector

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



### Ready Storyteller

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



### Legacy Builder

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

## Word Find for Philippians 4:4-8 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>4</sup> **Rejoice** in the **Lord** always; again I will say, **rejoice**. <sup>5</sup> Let your **reasonableness** be **known** to **everyone**. The **Lord** is at **hand**; <sup>6</sup> do not be **anxious** about **anything**, but in **everything** by **prayer** and **supplication** with **thanksgiving** let your **requests** be **made known** to God. <sup>7</sup> And the **peace** of God,

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<b>understanding</b> ,	H	A	N	D	V	E	U	A	N	X	I	O	U	S	F
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<b>hearts</b> and your	R	N	M	C	R	S	P	W	T	R	U	E	P	N	E
<b>minds</b> in <b>Christ</b>	E	O	I	M	Y	O	L	A	H	H	D	V	R	T	S
<b>Jesus</b> . <sup>8</sup> <b>Finally</b> ,	B	W	N	P	T	N	I	Y	I	E	X	E	A	L	U
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is <b>anything</b> worthy															
of praise, think															
about these things.															



- We've been looking at how we can live as a **Ready Storyteller**, but another role we want to live out is that of a **Secure Son or Daughter**.  
**Read Romans 8:14-17**. How does assurance of sonship/daughterhood change the way you handle rejection, awkwardness, or "I blew it" moments when trying to speak about Jesus?
- First, read Psalm 2. Then go read Acts 4:25-28**. When the believers heard what happened, how did they interpret what had taken place?
  - If they didn't know Psalm 2, how might they have interpreted everything?
  - When you face resistance, fear, or awkwardness, what "story" do you tend to tell yourself? What would change if you let Scripture frame the moment instead?

## Taking It Home

- Pastor Josh talked about prayer being the first part of being a **Ready Storyteller**. What people did you write down on your P.E.A.R.L. list? What place did you write down? What pain? Share with your group (or divide into small groups of 2 to 4 to share). Then, consider having each person pray specifically for the list of the person to their left as you go around.

## Prayer

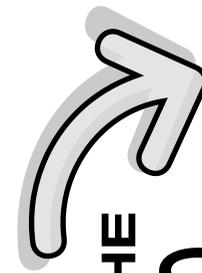
As you close, take time to pray for each other.



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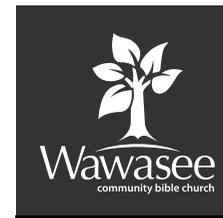
GOD'S PART + OUR PART

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