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CREATION CORNER

A Cat Named Harley

Harley got off to a bad start in life about 9 years ago. For some reason, her own mother rejected her when she was still very tiny. It could have been because Harley had one jaw shorter than the other, which gave her a very cute little face, but may have bothered the mother cat when she nursed.

A male college student, who really knew nothing about caring for a tiny kitten, took her home to a small apartment. He gave her dry adult food and this was almost impossible for her to eat and also digest. But Harley was full of the love of life and seemed determined to live no matter what. So she clung to life.

Shortly though, she got the second shock of her little career when the young man simply packed up and moved away, leaving her alone in an empty apartment with nothing but a cardboard box with a bit of cat litter in one end and a handful of dry cat food in the other. Harley was frantic. And soon matters got even worse as the caretaker of the apartments came in and found her there.

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Now to really picture this scene; I must describe this kitten for you. Because Harley was trying to eat adult food to stay alive and she was only a tiny kitten that should still be on its mother's milk, her little tummy was bloated out with gas and she looked absolutely like a black tennis ball with legs and a tail.

Now this heartless man found the abandoned baby kitten, and shouting out that he 'would get rid of that', he headed up the stairs intending to fling her into the street. But God was watching out for little Harley and my daughter in law in the next apartment heard what was happening and running out, demanded he give the kitten to her.

So Harley came into our family and soon showed the kind of stuff she was made of. With a better diet and some loving care she blossomed but seemed to think it was her special duty to tease and torment all other living things. My son and daughter in law had two cats, one about 6 months old and the other an ancient old guy who liked his peace and quiet.

Of course there wasn't much of that with little Harley, she would tease and torment him until he was fit to be tied, and no amount of growling or hissing would discourage the tiny pest. She seemed to be always on the go and into some-

thing. She loved everybody and would run up and get on your shoulder and purr into your ear.

One day to slow her down for a few moments, my daughter in law placed a bowl over her. All was still for a few minutes and then out popped a tail from under the bowl and the bowl began racing and bumping about the room amid peels of laughter.

Now I had decided not to have any more kitties in my life, but as they could not really keep more than the two they already had, and we were quite sure that no one would adopt this plain little black cat with a few white spots, I agreed to become Harley Davidson's mommy.

It was the young guy that had given her that name, but we kept it, because if ever there was a biker-cat it was Harley. The way she would roar around the place from one thing to another and her 'tough-girl' swagger was laughable. She was always 'in your face' about something and even when very tiny she would swagger up to an adult cat and tease it, just asking for trouble.

She had a cute habit of liking to look into a person's mouth or sniff your breath if you blew her face. We used to joke and say she thought she was a dentist. While she out-grew some of her cute ways as she got older, she always kept that one. All I would have to do is blow little puffs of air, sort of a little 'hoo-hoo-hoo', and she would run to reach up with a paw to pull your face down to hers.

When I got her I took her to the pet store and bought her a little red harness and leash and began to take her places in the car with me and try and get her to walk on the leash. She would a little, but mostly preferred to be carried or ride on a shoulder when she was little. Later I learned we were both happier if she stayed home.

As she grew older, she got even smarter, also even though she was always glad to see anyone and would go up to any stranger and make friends, she became very attached to me, there was no doubt I was her human and she had to care for me. If I was away any length of time she would usually not eat or drink until I returned, then she would happily feast after greeting me with great gladness. The few times I left her for a few days, she would eat only enough to stay alive. In many ways she acted more like a dog

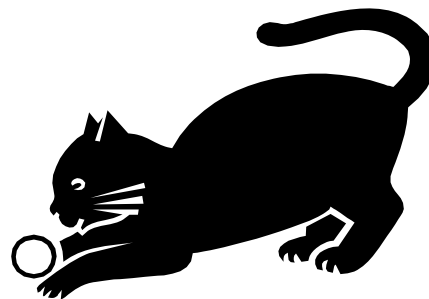
than the usual cat pattern of behavior. But Harley was all cat; no doubt about that.

As she grew up she learned what we called her 'Kung-fu'. When play fighting with another cat she would start going around in circles and attacking until she could defeat a much larger cat by sheer confusion tactics.

One of the cutest things she would do is if I was away for a few hours, I would come home to find she had stuffed her favorite toys into my shoes or slippers. She had a little black toy spider and it seemed she would pretend it was her kitten as she would make 'mother cat calling kitten' noises and carry it in and put it beside her when she would sleep. Later she did the same thing with a knitted catnip mouse. For years she would always take her 'kitten toy' to bed with her.

She would play the clown sometimes, pop out at you and make the silliest noises and then want you to chase after her and play games. One of her favorite games was with little high-bouncer rubber balls about the size of a large marble. She would carry one in her mouth and then drop it to see it bounce, chase it and catch it, and then drop it again. She learned that if she got up onto a table or chair to drop it, it would bounce higher, and when she was young she would do this over and over. When she was older she would still do it, but tired more quickly. She would retrieve the bouncer balls or a small paper ball that you would throw for her just like a little dog.

At one point she would always keep her favorite bouncer ball on the edge of her food tray. She would take it and play with it and then, when finished, would bring it back to the tray again. I hope you are as smart as that kitty was, and put your toys away too. = ^ .. ^ =



TRUE-STORY-TIME

You are my Sunshine

Like any good mother, when Karen found out that another baby was on the way, she did what she could to help her 3-year-old son, Michael, prepare for a new sibling. They found out that the new baby was going to be a girl, and day after day, night after night, Michael sang to his sister in Mommy's tummy. He was building a bond of love with his little sister before he even met her.

The day came for the birth, but there were some problems; finally, after a long struggle, Michael's little sister was born. But she was in very serious condition. With a siren howling in the night, the ambulance rushed the baby to the special baby intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee. The days inched by. The little girl got worse. The pediatrician had to tell the parents, "There is very little hope. Be prepared for the worst."

Karen and her husband had fixed up a special room in their house for their new baby but now they were planning for a funeral. Michael, however, kept begging his parents to let him see his sister. "I want to sing to her," he kept saying.

Week two in the hospital looked as if the funeral would come before the week was over. Michael kept nagging about singing to his sister, but children are never allowed in Intensive Care. Karen made up her mind, though, she would take Michael in whether they liked it or not! If he didn't see his sister right then, he may never see her alive.

She dressed him in an oversized scrub suit and marched him into ICU. He looked like a walking laundry basket. But the head nurse recognized him as a child and bellowed, "Get that kid out of here now! No children are allowed."

The mother rose up strong in Karen, and the usually mild-mannered lady glared steel-eyed right into the head nurse's face, her lips a firm line. "He is not leaving until he sings to his sister!" Karen towed Michael to his sister's bedside. He gazed at the tiny baby losing the battle to live.

After a moment, he began to sing. In the pure-hearted voice of a 3-year-old, Michael sang: "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are gray —"

Instantly the baby girl seemed to respond. The pulse rate began to calm down and become steady. "Keep on singing, Michael," encouraged Karen with tears in her eyes. "You never know,

dear, how much I love you, Please don't take my sunshine away—" As Michael sang to his sister, the baby's ragged, strained breathing became as smooth as a kitten's purr.

"Keep on singing, sweetheart!!!"

"The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping, I dreamed I held you in my arms..."

Michael's little sister began to relax as rest, healing rest, seemed to sweep over her. "Keep on singing, Michael." Tears had now conquered the face of the bossy head nurse. Karen glowed.

"You are my sunshine, my only Sunshine. Please don't, take my sunshine away..."

The next, day...the very next day...the little girl was well enough to go home! Woman's Day Magazine called it "The Miracle of a Brother's Song."

The medical staff just called it a miracle. Karen called it a miracle of God's love! LOVE IS SO INCREDIBLY POWERFUL!

How about you? Do sweet words of love; happy songs and kind smiles come from you to the others in your home? Or is it a place full of anger, yelling and fighting? You know, we sometimes think we love our family and we are sure they know it- but do we really? And do they know it? The angels know the truth. = ^ .. ^ =

STORY LESSON

"Cause and Effect"

May I invite you to the lovely Garden of Eden right after the wonderful act of creation was completed? There we see our first parents, Adam and Eve. What a handsome couple they are-made in the image of God! Listen! God is giving them their first instructions. "Be fruitful and multiply," He is telling them, "and replenish the earth, and subdue it." They are to be mother and father of the human race! How exciting!

And now what else is God saying? "Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit." Genesis 1: 29. A nutrition lesson! Right at the very beginning of our world on the very first day when our parents were created!

Since God had formed man, He knew just what his needs were and what he must eat in order to live in perfect health. How God must have enjoyed planning all those luscious fruits, those delicious grains, those wonderful nuts. There were so many varieties and so many fla-

vors and they were all so good.

In the definite instructions God gave, you notice that all the foods He intended for man to eat are from plants. They were not to eat cows, sheep, goats, birds, fishes etc. The original diet was so perfect that even after sin came in, we find that people lived for hundreds of years. One man lived to be 969 years of age!

But, you remember, wickedness increased until God had to cause a great flood to destroy the world, leaving only the family of Noah. After the flood, there was a shortage of plant foods for some time, and we are told that God finally permitted man to eat flesh foods. From then on, flesh foods became a regular part of the human diet, and as a result, two major changes have taken place in man.

First of all, his life span became much, much shorter than before the flood. Abraham lived only up to about 170 years. King David and most of the other kings lived only from 60-80 years. And at present the trend is the same. Secondly, the size of man went down from 10-12 feet to 5-6 feet in height. Quite a difference, you will agree.

We are told that the diet of the Eskimos used to be about 90% flesh foods. Due to the cold climate throughout most of the year, there is very little vegetation for food and before the coming of the white man to the Northern lands where they lived, they had to depend on hunting and eating the animals in order to live. What effect did this all-meat diet have on these people?

In a study done by Dr. John R. Heller, director of the National Cancer Institute, some interesting facts were discovered about these people. Most of the Eskimos are healthy until they are about 25 years of age. Then they very quickly begin to lose their enthusiasm and strength as well as their skill in hunting. They also start looking old. They become very lazy. They develop arteriosclerosis and die at a very early age even before they are 30. It was thought that their organs became diseased very early in life.

They also had osteoporosis at a very early age. This is a disease where the calcium is lost from the bones and they break easily. It happens because when we eat meat it makes our blood more acid. The body cannot live with acid blood- so it gets busy to make the blood not acid. The only way it can do this is to take calcium out of our bones and put it into the blood

to take away the acid.

Did you know that it is the same when you study the lives of animals that live mostly on the flesh of other animals? Yes, you all know how lively and playful a kitten is, but after a few years, the cat gets slower, sleeps more and plays less. All of the animals and birds that live very long lives are vegetarians. Even a chicken, in its natural state lives longer than a cat or dog.

Dr. Heller contrasted the Eskimos with the Hunza people who live in the northern part of Kashmir. These people eat simple foods consisting of fruits, cereals, and nuts. He noted that they are strong and healthy until the age of 90-100 years. In fact when researchers visited Hunza years ago, they found many people of 80, 90 or even a hundred, still working happily in the fields and climbing the steep mountain paths.

They were not sick, they never had heart attacks or cancer, and in fact often would be working hard and feeling well right up to the end of their lives and simply fall asleep and not wake up.

In the last few years a road has been put through to the tiny kingdom of Hunza, and now as the habits and foods of the rest of the world are coming in there- the people are starting to get more of the diseases of the rest of the world!

These two races present quite a contrast, do they not? Truly the Lord wants what is best for us when He tells us through our last days Messenger to stop eating animal flesh and use the tasty variety of fruits, vegetables, grains, nuts and seeds to eat.

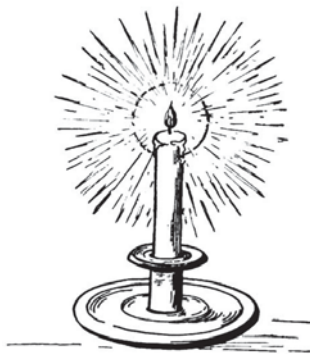
Now I am not telling you this story so you can say, "Well, isn't that interesting?" and then forget about it- I am telling you because you have some deciding to do! In our day, especially if you live in the richer countries, there is more meat eaten than ever before and it is from sicker animals than ever before as well.

Back in the Korean War, a doctor took a look at the arteries and veins of many of the young American soldiers that got killed in that war. He found that their arteries and veins were full of fatty deposits and looked like they belonged to real old people!

This was because these young men were eating more meat and animal products than people used to eat years before. And now, we are eating ever so much fast foods such as McDonald's,

Burgers, Fried Chicken, Pizza dripping with fatty cheese, fried potatoes and so on. Instead of being a rare thing to 'eat out' - it is common, in fact in some families, fast food is eaten more often than home cooked food. And even when it is home cooked, it is often the same kind of foods. In our day even children are starting to have heart attacks and cancer is common in children now.

If you choose to eat a pure vegetarian diet, and stay away from animal flesh and other animal products like cheese, cow's milk and a lot of eggs; you will miss the 'taste' of these addictive and harmful foods, BUT you will be smarter, stronger, healthier, have less pain and suffering, have much more pleasure out of life. If you decide you want to be like so many others and you want to eat your animal foods; you may seem to get away with it when you are young, but like the Eskimos, you will soon become old and diseased and have great suffering. It is your choice; you can choose what you will eat- BUT you cannot choose the results! The results will come; either good diet and good healthy results; or wrong diet and sad, bad, sick results. = ^ .. ^ =



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“GO YE...AND PREACH THE GOSPEL”

WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 1: “TARRY YE”

This series of Bible Story Lessons is about the wonderful adventures of the apostles. For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

MEMORY VERSE: “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15

Sunday

Text: Luke 24:49 “And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.”

Jesus had now gone back to heaven forty days after He rose from the dead.

When He had died on the cross, the disciples, who were still looking for a worldly kingdom, were terribly disappointed. They were almost in despair as they laid His poor tortured body in the tomb and huddled together in the upper room with doors barred for fear the Jews would come after them next.

But after the Sabbath rest in the tomb, Jesus arose a mighty conqueror over the bands of death and now they had a very different idea of His mission to the world. Now they were waiting in the upper room again, not in fear, but because Jesus had told them to wait for a special Gift He would send them.

They now knew that they had a very special message of joy and hope to carry to all the world and they knew they never could do it unless Jesus sent them special help.

Jesus had died at the very time the Passover Lamb was to be slain. Then Jesus had appeared before His Father as the 'Wave Sheaf' at the very time the priest was doing that ceremony in the temple.

Now for ten days from the time Jesus went back to heaven they waited. As they waited they talked much about all the things they remembered from their time with Jesus. They also remembered many of their sins and nasty ways to each other and told each other they were sorry and asked for forgiveness. They also asked God in the Name of Jesus for forgiveness also.

They did not now fight over who was going to be the greatest, Oh No! The more they thought about their past and the great task ahead of them, the more they felt humble and knew how much they needed special help from Heaven.

Thought - As they waited, they chose another man to take the place of Judas. His name was Matthias-but it seems that Jesus Himself really chose the person to take Judas' place, it

was the Apostle Paul.

Monday

Text: Acts 2:1,2 “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.”

Pentecost was fifty days after the Passover. It was a feast that pointed to the time when Jesus would be placed as the High Priest in heaven and the offering of the ‘first fruits’ on that day pointed to the special ones Jesus had resurrected from the dead when He arose and those ones went to heaven with Him. On that day in heaven, while the priest on earth was presenting the special loaves of bread, Jesus was presenting these redeemed ones to His Father.

As a signal that He had started on His special work as our High Priest in heaven, Jesus sent the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Godhead, to be with His people from that time onward. Notice what Jesus told us about the Holy Spirit:

John 16:7,8 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.”

He told them that the Holy Spirit would help them remember and understand all the things Jesus had taught them when He was with them. He also said the Holy Spirit would help them understand the scriptures. Another thing He would do is impress the hearts of people with the sins they had done and make them see how much they need a Saviour.

The Holy Spirit would not teach or talk about Himself, but would show and tell about Jesus and the wonderful plan of salvation, called the ‘Gospel’. Jesus gave the Holy Spirit a lovely name. He called Him the Comforter. The same One who makes us feel afraid and all guilty because of our sins, also comforts and protects us when we come to Jesus and give Him our hearts. Many times we need our ‘Comforter’!

Thought – That special Gift that Jesus sent to His people was never taken away again- it is still available to each one of Jesus’ true follow-

ers. We must have it to be saved and made ready for heaven. If we don’t have it and know its power in our lives-we should pray and ask God for it and should also ask Him to show us what is wrong in our lives that would stop us from having this special Gift.

Tuesday

Text: Acts 2:3,4 “And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

One of the special things that the Holy Spirit did for the followers of Jesus on that special day was to help them get started on preaching the Gospel of Jesus in a big way.

There were on that day a lot of people who made pilgrimages from other countries to Jerusalem to celebrate the special feast. Many of them had come in hopes of seeing Jesus but had found out He had been crucified. They had also heard He was resurrected again and they really wanted to know truth about it all.

It seemed so terrible that the leaders of the temple, who the people thought were ‘godly men’ would stoop so low as to kill another teacher just because He taught different from themselves. The priests were trying to hush up the events of Passover and hoped the people from all over the world would not find out about it.

But God had other ideas- He wanted all the people to know the truth about Jesus and what had happened to Him. So the Holy Spirit made it possible for the followers of Jesus to speak in different languages so the people from all over could hear the story in their own language.

This was not just a bunch of silly sounds the disciples were making because of being so excited or something- Oh No! It was calm, inspired preaching of the truth about Jesus in real languages that people could listen to and understand.

The priests and rulers were really upset about all these goings on and they tried to say to the people that the followers of Jesus were drunk and not to listen to them. But not many would believe that story- instead they listened to the different disciples preach and learned the truth about Jesus and what the evil rulers had done to Him.

Thought – There are people today who claim to have this gift of tongues as they call it, but they are speaking in meaningless noises that nobody can really understand. God does not do meaningless things-He always has a good reason for what He does.

Wednesday

Text: Acts 2:22-24 **“Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.”**

One of the wonderful things that the Holy Spirit does for the followers of Jesus is He gives them courage to speak God’s truth with power. Here just weeks before all the apostles were huddling in fear of the rulers and priests and now they stood up boldly and told everyone that these wicked religious leaders had murdered the Messiah, the Son of God!

They told the people they must repent and be forgiven of this terrible deed or be lost forever. They also said that the very Jesus they had killed, was now the High Priest in Heaven and only by believing in Him could anybody be saved.

Can you imagine how angry this made those leaders and heads of the Jewish Church? Oh how they wanted to snatch away those preachers and murder them too- but they did not dare, as they were afraid the people would turn on them and kill them for their wickedness in murdering Jesus. What a sad state their wicked selfish ways had got them in to! We are told that those wicked leaders never had a moment of peace again as long as they lived and they died fearful deaths!

But there were many who listened and the Holy Spirit convicted their hearts. They remembered having heard the words of Jesus and about His wonderful works. The Spirit made them feel the guilt of what they had done and they repented and asked what they should do to be saved.

They were told to repent and be baptized and

so they were. That very day three thousand people took a stand to be on Jesus’ side and leave the official ‘church’ which was now so corrupt that it was no longer part of God’s work on earth.

Many of these people were ones who had been convicted by Jesus’ own teachings but they had not become His followers because of the leaders who they still had believed were ordained of God. Now they saw the truth and they left the ‘official’ church to join with those who followed the Scriptures.

Thought – It is important to know that Jesus’ real ‘church’ on earth is those who truly follow Him and obey His words. “God has a church. It is not the great cathedral, neither is it the national establishment, neither is it the various denominations; it is the people who love God and keep His commandments. “ ‘Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.’ Where Christ is, even among the humble few, this is Christ’s church, for the presence of the High and Holy One who inhabiteth eternity can alone constitute a church. Where two or three are present who love and obey the commandments of God, Jesus there presides...”17MR -PG- 81

Thursday

Text: Acts 3:6-9 **“Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God.”**

When the wicked rulers killed Jesus, they hoped they had put an end to His mighty miracles. But now here it was only fifty days later and amazing things were happening. All of the country now knew about their sneaky, cruel plot against Jesus and thousands had turned away from the ‘official’ church to join the followers of Jesus.

If that wasn’t bad enough, all at once a messenger comes running to the priest to tell them about a great fuss in the temple over a man who had been miraculously healed by Peter and John.

Oh No! Not more miracles! Yes indeed, here

was a man who had been crippled from birth and never walked. He had sat begging at the gate of the temple to get enough small coins to live on. When he saw that Peter and John seemed kindly men, he called out to them hoping to get a coin or two.

Peter turned and said the words in our text and took him by the hand and he was healed right away! How happy he was to be able to walk for the first time in his life! Not only could he walk but run and jump too.

The people in the temple areas came close to hear how this man, who they had seen begging only a short time before, could be jumping and running in joy now. Peter and John told them it was the Power of Jesus that had healed the man. Again he accused them of the part they played in killing Jesus.

Ac 3:14,15 “But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.”

Again they called upon the people to repent and be forgiven. It was around five thousand men who heard Peter’s sermon this time and many believed. But the Sadducees were hopping mad as they always taught there was no resurrection and they knew this preaching would make them look stupid in the eyes of the people. They sent and grabbed Peter and John and locked them up for the night.

Thought – When we find out that we are wrong about something, we must be willing to learn the truth and admit we are wrong or Jesus cannot help us to be saved.

Friday

Text: Acts 4:19, 20 “But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

The next day the counsel brought Peter and John before them. They knew how Peter had denied Jesus from fear before and they thought they could scare these men into keeping quiet. They started by asking them in whose name they had done this miracle, thinking that Peter would deny Jesus again. But it was a very different Peter now! He started right in to tell them to their faces that Jesus had done the miracle and that they were guilty of His blood and needed to repent or be lost.

Imagine the rage of these men who thought they were the greatest, most godly men on earth and here they were being told by a mere fisherman that they needed to repent! If they could have killed these men right there they surely would have.

But they were afraid of what the people would do as everyone was now talking about the healing of the man. They sent Peter and John out of the room to talk together. They decided that the only thing they dared to do was to threaten them and command they not talk about Jesus any more.

They brought them in and they did this; but Peter turned to them and told them that he could not listen to them when they were telling him to do different than God was telling them. “We have to obey God and not men”; he told them boldly.

They were released and went and told what had happened to their fellow believers and they were happy that Jesus’ name was so honored. They had a special prayer meeting and they asked that they be made even braver so they would teach the truth about Jesus even if the leaders were made angry.

God answered their prayer and the place they were in was shaken as the Holy Spirit came to them again to give them what they had asked for. They kept on preaching in the Name of Jesus with even more power and more miracles happened.

Thought – Always remember to stick to God’s truth and obey it- no matter what people will say. = ^ .. ^ =