

## ***Dec. 13 - Acts 4:29***

Hello and thanks for joining in on to today's daily devotion. Today is Sunday Dec. 13th. The 1st day of the Hebraic week.

Our verse today is found in the New Testament. It's Acts 4:29.

Acts 4:29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

This was a time when YHWH was beginning to do great things through the New Testament believers. Things were looking up and even though they were receiving threats, they were still rejoicing. The thing that gets me the most is this prayer. Let's read it again.

Acts 4:29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

They weren't crying about being abused. They weren't begging YHWH for vengeance on their enemies. They weren't even praying of the hard times to end. They were praying for strength to stand up under the hard times. Wow. They weren't praying for easy lives. They were praying for strength to stand strong in their lives. What an example!

When going through hard times it's so easy to be focused on ourselves in wanting things to be easy. It's only natural. Who wants to go through hard times, right? But we must remember that YHWH is more concerned about our character than he is about our comfort.

We all say we want to grow in the Lord, that is, until the growing pains kick in. Maturing in YHWH is not always easy. But it's always worth it. Situations can come in our lives that can just seem so unfair and not right. When those times come, don't pray for easier lives. Pray for strength. Don't take matters into your own hands. Trust YHWH. Watch him move IN you. Whether or not the situation changes around you may be irrelevant in the eyes of YHWH. He's more concerned with what takes place IN you first.

Let this be a focus in your time of meditation throughout the day. Until tomorrow, shalom!