



## CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Acts 4	Title:	“Get Help from the Holy Spirit”
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Summary of Chapter	Acts Chapter 4 reports on the events immediately following the miraculous healing of the lamed beggar through Peter. Peter and John took the opportunity to preach Jesus to the crowd who saw the miracle with their own eyes, but were quickly seized by the priests and temple guards and placed before the Sanhedrin, who threatened and ordered them to stop teaching about Jesus.		

### Key Verse(s) NLT How does it speak to me?

<p><i><sup>23</sup> As soon as they were freed, Peter and John returned to the other believers and told them what the leading priests and elders had said. <sup>24</sup> When they heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God: .....<sup>31</sup> After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.</i></p>	<p>After their release, Peter and John told the rest about the threat from the Sanhedrin. They immediately raised their voices to God and sought help. They prayed for boldness to continue to preach Jesus and for more signs and wonders. After praying, the place shook and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Indeed, the Holy Spirit was their Helper and Comforter. He is ours too.</p> <p>I have personally experienced the Holy Spirit’s help and comfort many times. One instance was when I was working in M1, a mobile operator. My CEO asked me to head up an alliance of 6 mobile operators across Asia. It was a role I had rejected a year earlier as the alliance was on the brink of collapse and they had sacked the Executive Director. The truth was that the alliance was a difficult proposition to begin with. But my CEO said he needed me to save it. I was concerned that I could not perform to unrealistic expectations, but yet I had to accept it. In that moment of desperation, I turned to the Holy Spirit for help and comfort. I took time to seek God. Armed with a portable CD player with worship discs, a notebook and a pen, I worshipped and then asked Abba to give me wisdom to do what I needed to do. Then it happened. The Holy Spirit downloaded the strategy and action plan to revive the alliance. With that help, the alliance turned around in 6 months. From being unhappy with its existence, the alliance became the favorite buzzword of the 6 CEOs as their companies began profiting from its work. I was able to do that only with help from the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>The Holy Spirit is truly our Helper and Comforter because that is the role Jesus assigned Him to fulfil in us. So may I encourage you to always seek the Holy Spirit’s help whenever you are confronted with challenges, threats or fear. Activate Him as your Helper and Comforter. He will surely do it.</p>
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### APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	What stops you from seeking help and comfort from the Holy Spirit? What will you do to overcome those obstacles?
Youth:	Now that you know that the Holy Spirit is your Helper and Comforter, what is one thing that you want to ask Him for help now?
Child:	Jesus loves all the children of the world, and especially you and He asks the Holy Spirit to always help you. What do you want the Holy Spirit to help you with now? Pray and ask the Him for help.

### PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Abba and Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me your Holy Spirit to be my Helper and Comforter. Holy Spirit Help me never to forget that, especially when I am confronted with challenges, threats or fear. Remind me to always turn to You for comfort and help and allow You to direct my path.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)

Intercessory  
Prayer:

I/We want to pray for \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members,  
work or study, leaders, nation, etc)

Salvation  
Prayer:

I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones \_\_\_\_\_ (add one name  
per day).  
In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.