

# The Church's Response to Crisis

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I. Introduction. Text: Acts 4.

II. The pattern of church response to crisis.

A. Congregational prayer.

1. They recognized God's authority.
2. They recognized their need of God.
3. The church should first cry out in repentance.
4. Ultimately, God will accomplish His purpose.

B. Courageous witness.

1. The abundant grace to witness is already upon us.
2. To see this grace we must try witnessing.

C. Compassionate giving.

1. We have the privilege of giving materially, emotionally or spiritually.
2. When we have been given so much in Christ, it is only natural to want to give to others.

## Application questions:

1. Which element of response in crisis do you find the most challenging? Why?

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2. Why is giving in crisis so contrary to the world's response?

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3. How does the speaker suggest trying out witnessing for the first time? Why is this important?

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