

Heaven Touching Earth?

Acts 4:23-31

Peter and John return after upsetting
some priests, the captain of the
soldiers that guarded the Temple,
and some Sadducees.

Well done P&J

Peter and John left the meeting and they told the believers everything that the leading priests, Jewish leaders and soldiers had said to them. When the believers heard this, they all prayed to God with one purpose. They said, “O Lord, you are the one who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and everything in the world. (Notice a similar start to the Lord’s Prayer) Our ancestor David was your servant. With the help of the Holy Spirit David wrote prophetic words: ‘The kings of the earth prepare themselves to fight and the rulers all come together seeking conflict with the Lord and against his Messiah.’ (Nothing changes)

This is what happened when Herod, Pontius Pilate, the other nations, and the Jews all came together against Jesus here in Jerusalem. He is your holy Servant, the true Messiah. **Perversely** what they did made God's divine plan work. And now, Lord, they are trying to make us afraid. BUT **we are your servants**, help us to say what you want us to say without fear. **Help us to be brave** by showing us your power. Cure sick people, provide miraculous signs and wonders to happen by the authority of Jesus, your Holy Servant."

After the believers prayed, the place where they were meeting shook. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they continued to speak God's message without fear. **(Notice their attitude and approach to prayer)**

Does Heaven touch Earth?

God's high risk strategy. Part 1

Ephesians 5:1-2 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Philippians 2:5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus. (neuroplasticity)

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy)

Basil Brown at the Sutton Hoo DIG of 1939

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[The Dig: Netflix film helps boost Sutton Hoo
visitor numbers - BBC News](#)

Ralph Fiennes becomes Basil Brown

SERMONS from the SECULAR.

- By wearing the same, hat, clothes and shoes.
- Larnin how ta speak Suffic proper.
- Roidin a boike the Suffolk way.
- Werkin loike Basil Brown werked.
- Huw do I git on in the real world loike.
- Being Basil Brown at houn with relatareves and being accepted.

A TRANSLATION WILL BE PROVIDED

So how far do we go to imitate Jesus?.

- Wearing humility as Jesus did, the same spiritual hat, clothes and shoes.
- Learning how to speak “Gospel” properly.
- Riding a spiritual bicycle as Jesus did.(Balance)
- Studying the ways Jesus worked.
- Learning how to communicate as Jesus did.
- Visiting our relatives and becoming accepted.

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God's high risk strategy. Part 2

1 Peter 2:21 You have been called to this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

Colossians 3:2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

1 Corinthians 4:16 (Paul says) I urge you, then, be imitators of me. (As Paul imitated Christ)