



The Spirit Empowers Our Witness

Acts 4:1-31

Sermon Proposition

You Can Be a Bold Witness for Christ.

The Spirit Makes Us Bold in Face of Opposition

When they saw the [boldness] of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13 (NIV)

The Spirit Makes Us Bold in Prayer

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

Acts 4:29 (NIV)

The Spirit Makes Us Bold in Proclamation

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Acts 4:31 (NIV)

Read It!

Read Acts 4:1-31.

Open It!

Who shared the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ with you?

Consider It!

What forms of opposition did Peter and John experience (4:1-21)?

Why did the rulers and elders oppose Peter and John (4:2,16)?

What made Peter and John bold before the rulers and elders (4:8,13)?

What hinders our proclamation of the gospel? Is it opposition? Why or why not?

How did Peter and John respond to the restricts and threats of the Sanhedrin (4:13, 21, 22)?

What do you find amazing in the prayer of God's people (4:24-30)?

How was faith demonstrated in this prayer (4:24-30)?

When we pray, why might it be useful to recall what God has done?

What passages in God's word might inform how we pray for lost people? What teachings and promises?

What did these believers ask God to do (Acts 4:23-30)?

How did God answer their prayer (Acts 4:31)?

What would you dare to pray for the sake of the gospel?

Live It!

I will join _____ and _____
in praying for opportunities to make Christ known among our
neighbors and friends.

I will gather monthly with others from my First Free family to exalt
Christ and pray for the ministry of the gospel.

I will join Pray & Go to walk and pray for every household in our First
Free neighborhood.

Ask the Father

*Heavenly Father, we offer ourselves, each one personally, wholly and
unreservedly to live as witnesses for Jesus. Make us bold in prayer that
Christ might be glorified among us. We are His representatives at this
time in the Quad City area. We look to you that we might live by faith.
We believe that Your indwelling Spirit will make us bold in proclaiming
the testimony of your faithful love and unfaltering goodness. May the
message of Christ be etched in our hearts and on our lips for the sake
of others. For the name and glory of Christ, Amen.*