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Church On The Move Part 7

Be Bold For Jesus

While Peter and John were speaking
to the people, they were confronted
by the priests,

Acts 4:1a (NLT)

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The captain of the Temple guard,
and some of the Sadducees.

Acts 4:1b (NLT)

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These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead.

Acts 4:2 (NLT)

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They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning.

Acts 4:3 (NLT)

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But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of men who believed now totaled about 5,000.

Acts 4:4 (NLT)

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The next day the council of all the rulers and elders and teachers of religious law met in Jerusalem.

Acts 4:5 (NLT)

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Annas the high priest was there,
along with Caiaphas, John,
Alexander, and other relatives of the
high priest.

Acts 4:6 (NLT)

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They brought in the two disciples
and demanded, “By what power, or
in whose name, have you done
this?”

Acts 4:7 (NLT)

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Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of our people,

Acts 4:8 (NLT)

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Then Peter called to him, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.”

Matthew 14:28 (NLT)

“Yes, come,” Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.

Matthew 14:29 (NLT)

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But when he saw the strong[a] wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted.

Matthew 14:30 (NLT)

Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. “You have so little faith,” Jesus said. “Why did you doubt me?”

Matthew 14:31 (NLT)

So they arrested him and led him to the high priest's home. And Peter followed at a distance.

Luke 15:54 (NLT)

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The guards lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter joined them there.

Luke 15:55 (NLT)

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A servant girl noticed him in the firelight and began staring at him. Finally she said, “This man was one of Jesus’ followers!”

Luke 15:56 (NLT)

But Peter denied it. “Woman,” he said, “I don’t even know him!”

Luke 15:57 (NLT)

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After a while someone else looked at him and said, “You must be one of them!” “No, man, I’m not!” Peter retorted.

Luke 15:58 (NLT)

About an hour later someone else insisted, “This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too.”

Luke 15:59 (NLT)

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But Peter said, “Man, I don’t know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

Luke 15:60 (NLT)

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At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord's words flashed through Peter's mind:

Luke 15:61a (NLT)

“Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.”

Luke 15:61b (NLT)

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And Peter left the courtyard,
weeping bitterly.

Luke 15:62 (NLT)

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1. We can be bold when we
are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of our people,

Acts 4:8 (NLT)

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Are we being questioned today
because we've done a good deed
for a crippled man? Do you want to
know how he was healed?

Acts 4:9 (NLT)

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Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene,

Acts 4:10a (NLT)

The man you crucified but whom
God raised from the dead.

Acts 4:10b (NLT)

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For Jesus is the one referred to in
the Scriptures, where it says,

Acts 4:11a (NLT)

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*‘The stone that you builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.’*

Acts 4:11b (NLT)

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There is salvation in no one else!
God has given no other name under
heaven by which we must be
saved.”

Acts 4:12 (NLT)

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For the Lord's sake, submit to all
human authority—whether the king
as head of state,

1 Peter 2:13 (NLT)

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Or the officials he has appointed.
For the king has sent them to punish
those who do wrong and to honor
those who do right.

1 Peter 2:14 (NLT)

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**2. We can be bold when
we trust God's plan.**

The members of the council were
amazed when they saw the boldness
of Peter and John,

Acts 4:13a (NLT)

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For they could see that they were
ordinary men with no special
training in the Scriptures.

Acts 4:13b (NLT)

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They also recognized them as men
who had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13c (NLT)

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**3. We can be bold when
we spend time with Jesus.**

But since they could see the man who had been healed standing right there among them, there was nothing the council could say.

Acts 4:14 (NLT)

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So they ordered Peter and John out of the council chamber and conferred among themselves.

Acts 4:15 (NLT)

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“What should we do with these men?” they asked each other.

Acts 4:16a (NLT)

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“We can’t deny that they have performed a miraculous sign, and everybody in Jerusalem knows about it.

Acts 4:16b (NLT)

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But to keep them from spreading their propaganda any further, we must warn them not to speak to anyone in Jesus' name again.”

Acts 4:17 (NLT)

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**4. We can be bold when
we believe our message.**

So they called the apostles back in
and commanded them never again
to speak or teach in the name of
Jesus.

Acts 4:18 (NLT)

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But Peter and John replied, “Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than Him?”

Acts 4:19 (NLT)

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We cannot stop telling about
everything we have seen and
heard.”

Acts 4:20 (NLT)

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The council then threatened them further, but they finally let them go because they didn't know how to punish them without starting a riot.

Acts 4:21a (NLT)

For everyone was praising God

Acts 4:21b (NLT)

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For this miraculous sign—the healing of a man who had been lame for more than forty years.

Acts 4:22 (NLT)

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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.

Acts 4:23 (NLT)

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When they heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God:

Acts 4:24a (NLT)

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“O Sovereign Lord, Creator of
heaven and earth, the sea, and
everything in them—

Acts 4:24b (NLT)

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You spoke long ago by the Holy
Spirit through our ancestor David,
your servant, saying,

Acts 4:25a (NLT)

***‘Why were the nations so angry?
Why did they waste their time with
futile plans?’***

Acts 4:25b (NLT)

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*The kings of the earth
prepared for battle;
the rulers gathered together
against the Lord
and against his Messiah.'*

Acts 4:26 (NLT)

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“In fact, this has happened here in this very city! For Herod Antipas, Pontius Pilate the governor, the Gentiles,

Acts 4:27a (NLT)

And the people of Israel were all united against Jesus, your holy servant, whom you anointed.

Acts 4:27b (NLT)

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But everything they did was
determined beforehand according
to your will.

Acts 4:28 (NLT)

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And now, O Lord, hear their threats,
and give us, your servants, great
boldness in preaching your word.

Acts 4:29 (NLT)

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Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

Acts 4:30 (NLT)

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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.

Acts 4:31 (NLT)

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**5. We can be bold when
we keep the right perspective.**