

Courageous Christians in a Hostile World

Acts 4:18-31

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Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. (verses 29-31)

How to speak up when the world says shut up

Needed: **Spiritual Boldness**

Boldness: it means to **speak up** about Jesus when the opportunity **shows up**.

1. We will have boldness when what has happened **in us** is more powerful than what might happen **to us**. (Verses 16-20)
2. We will have boldness when we cooperate with God's **sovereign plan** instead of pushing our **own agenda**. (Verses 23-28)
3. We will have boldness when we pray for boldness, not just **protection and provision**. (Verses 21-22; 29-30)
4. We will have boldness when we have **asked for it** and the situation **calls for it**. (Verse 31)

Personal application: Since God is in control of your life how should you pray about the circumstances of your life?

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