



Sermon Notes

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Acts 4:8-14, 19-22, 29-31

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.”

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

¹³ When they saw the courage 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. ¹⁴ But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.

¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! ²⁰ As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

²¹ After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. ²² For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

³¹ 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.

In the face of opposition, the church prayed for boldness!

Boldness: Asking God with confidence, and then walking in the power of the Holy Spirit.

God-confidence carries power!

1 Corinthians 4:20

²⁰ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.



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Proverbs 28:1

¹ *The wicked flee though no one pursues,
but the righteous are as bold as a lion.*

Dread can quench the fire of boldness as quick as it was ignited.

Dread has to do with expectation, which is always tied to the past.

Boldness takes us forward, dread pulls us back.

When dread speaks, it is easy to believe it over the voice of God.

James 1:5-8

⁵ *If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶ But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.*

It's time to start asking for boldness in the face of our opposition.

Dread and negativity have no place in the heart of a bold believer operating in the power of the Holy Spirit!

HEALING MANIFESTO

Lord, I commit to the following:

I will be real with You. That means admitting I'm not OK at times.

I will resist the urge to self-manage.

I will cooperate with Your work through obedience.

I will stop speaking negativity.

I will submit to Your process of removing the indelible stain of my sin and brokenness.



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