

Boldness in the Face of Opposition Everyday Supernatural Living – Part 6

Life Church St. Louis – April 14, 2024

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Pray Daily for your Five Friends Focus

2 Timothy 3:12 (ESV) Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

1 Peter 5:8-9 (ESV) Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

Proverbs 28:1 (ESV) The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.

1. Stand Firm in _____

Acts 4:1-2 (ESV) And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

Acts 4:8-10 (ESV) Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, ... let it be known to all of you ... that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, ... this man is standing before you well.

Acts 4:12 (ESV) And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

2. Be a Bold _____

Acts 4:13 (ESV) Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:18 (ESV) So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

Acts 4:19-20 (ESV) But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”

3. Join in _____ for the Spirit’s Power

Acts 4:29 (ESV) And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,

Acts 4:30 (ESV) while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

Acts 4:31 (ESV) And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Boldness in the Face of Opposition Study Guide

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Intro. In what ways may you be persecuted for living a godly life (2 Timothy 3:12)?

How can you resist the devil's attacks (1 Peter 5:8-9)?

What does it mean for the righteous to be bold as a lion (Proverbs 28:1)?

1A. Why do you think the Jewish government was annoyed with Peter and John (Acts 4:1-2)?

1B. Where did the boldness of Peter come from (Acts 4:8-10)?

1C. Why is Jesus the only way to God and no other religion is true (Acts 4:12)?

1D. How can you overcome self-centeredness and timidity that keeps you from standing firm in the faith through the Holy Spirit?

2A. In what ways does boldness come from being with Jesus (Acts 4:13)?

2B. Why do you think that the Jewish government commanded the disciples not to speak about Jesus anymore (Acts 4:18)?

2C. Why did Peter and John choose to disobey the law (Acts 4:19-20)?

2D. Under what circumstances must we disobey the laws?

2E. What are some ways that you can grow as a bold witness for Jesus?

3A. Rather than retreating, what did the church pray for (Acts 4:29)?

3B. Why is supernatural healing and signs and wonders part of being a witness for Jesus (Acts 4:30)?

3C. What were the results of the believer's corporate prayer (Acts 4:31)?

3D. What do the statements that these Spirit baptized believers were filled with the Spirit repeatedly tell us (Acts 4:31)?

3E. How can you be more involved in praying with others in the church?