

Boldness for HIM
Acts 4:13-14
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Thesis: I want to show how we can have the same boldness as the apostles.

- Intro:
1. How would you define boldness? Some think its something that's shocking.
 2. Biblical boldness is the courage to teach, or stand for the truth without fear of those around you or what might happen as a result.
 3. Are you willing to be bold in your Christian life?

I. Boldness in the presences of others.

A. Boldness in public

1. These men were unfazed by the men of authority questioning them (**Acts 4:8-12**)
 - a. Peter was not afraid to speak up notice to who he directs his message
 1. "*Rulers of the people and elders of Israel*" (**Acts 4:8**).
 2. "*let it be known to you all...*" (**Acts 4:10a**)
 3. "*this is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders,*" (**Acts 4:11**)
 - B. Peter was bold.
 1. Some may argue he was bold because he had the miraculous gift of the Spirit.
 2. Should we been any less bold today? We do have the all inspired word of God.
 3. We have everything we need we just need to love God enough to be bold in our stance against ungodliness.
2. We too must be willing to stand for what is godly in public and private.
3. What others want to do is up to them but as followers of Christ we must follow God and His word and encourage others to do the same (**Acts 4:19-20**).

B. Boldness in private.

1. Being bold means speaking the truth in private in Bible studies.
2. Being bold means speaking the truth in private to family and friends (**Mt 10:37-38**).

II. Boldness for our families & for Christ (**Acts 4:1-4, 13-14**).

A. Boldness in daily life & for our families.

1. We can see great boldness from three friends in Daniel (**Daniel 3:15c-18**).
2. It takes boldness to be a true Christian family (**Eph 6:4**)
 - a. A family that encourages fun godly activities and not permitting drunken parties or sinful activities.
 - b. A family that places God at the top of their schedule and not worldly events.
 - c. A family that worships God not because it's expected of them but because they love the Lord.

B. Boldness for Christ (**1 Tim 4:11-13**)

1. Being bold for Christ means not being skipping evangelistic events because that's the job of "someone else" (**Ezk 3:18-19**).
2. Being bold for Christ means discussing the Bible and God's commands with those who may not agree with you (**Lk 12:8-9, 1 Peter 3:15**).

III. Boldness is rewarded (Acts 4:29-31)

A. Answered prayers.

1. Peter and John were arrested but after their release they prayed and were heard by God (**Acts 4:31**).
2. Because they were bold in regards to their willingness to teach and to preach. They were blessed by it.
3. Those who are ashamed of the gospel will not be rewarded (**Mk 8:38**).

B. Boldness can convert souls.

1. Those who are bold enough to teach can win souls for Christ (**Mt 4:18-20**).
2. Without the boldness to teach others souls will be lost (**Mt 5:13-16**).

- Conc:
1. Boldness, godly boldness is important. Are you bold enough to be the Christian God needs you to be in this world? Demas was bold for a while (**Col 4:14, Philemon v.24**) but later lost his boldness (**2 Tim 4:10**).
 2. Do you have the boldness to stand up for Christ and the Bible in this world that despises Christianity (**Rom 1:16**)?
 3. Full Invitation