



# Make Me Bold

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## 1. Struggles with praying

- Intimidated by those who pray well
- Safe and predictable prayers

<sup>1</sup> While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. <sup>2</sup> These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup> They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning. <sup>4</sup> But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of men who believed now totaled about 5,000... <sup>7</sup> They brought in the two disciples and demanded, "By what power, or in whose name, have you done this?" **Acts 4:1-4, 7 NLT**

<sup>16</sup> "What should we do with these men?" they asked each other. "We can't deny that they have performed a miraculous sign, and everybody in Jerusalem knows about it. <sup>17</sup> But to keep them from spreading their propaganda any further, we must warn them not to speak to anyone in Jesus' name again." <sup>18</sup> So they called the apostles back in and commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John replied, "Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? <sup>20</sup> We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard."

**Acts 4:16-20 NLT**

<sup>29</sup> And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. <sup>31</sup> 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 4:29, 31 NLT**

## 2. Boldly praying and stepping out in faith

- Usually triggers spiritual opposition
- We see God work
- Requires trust in God / builds our faith

<sup>28</sup> "We gave you strict orders never again to teach in this man's name!" he said. "Instead, you have filled all Jerusalem with your teaching about him, and you want to make us responsible for his death!" <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead after you killed him by hanging him on a cross. <sup>41</sup> The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus..."

<sup>42</sup> And every day, in the Temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach this message: "Jesus is the Messiah." **Acts 5:28-30, 41-42 NLT**

### Next Steps:

- Commit to increase my prayer life during this series: \_\_\_\_\_
- Ask God to "make me bold"
- Ask God to help me overcome my fear of talking with people about Jesus
- Read Acts 4 & 5 this week
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