

Christian Boldness

Acts 4:1-4:12

“I will put into practice what I hear and learn from God’s word.”

I. Putting God’s word into practice is going to require boldness.

II. Definition of BOLDNESS.

Synonyms of **boldness** are words like **daring, bravery, courage and hardiness**. *It is a trait of being willing to undertake things that involve risk or danger.*

²² *“Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men put him to death by nailing him to the cross.* **Acts 2:22-23**

³² *God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.* **Acts 2:32**

³⁶ *“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both **Lord and Christ.**”* **Acts 2:36**

*And the **Lord added to their number daily** those who were being saved.* **Acts 2:47b**

“By what power or what name did you do this?” **Acts 4:7**

*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 He is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone. ¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”* **Acts 4:10-12**

¹⁹ *But Peter and John replied, “Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God’s sight to obey you rather than God. ²⁰ **For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.**”* **Acts 4:19-20**

III. Boldness in putting into practice what God has called us to do is often met with opposition.

Obstacles are not proof of misdirection but an opportunity for God to put His glory on display.

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 miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”* **Acts 4:29-30**

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.*** **Acts 4:31**

⁸ *“We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”* **Acts 5:8**

²⁹ *Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than men!”* **Acts 5:29**

³⁰ *The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead—whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”* **Acts 5:29-32**

*“Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. ³⁶ Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. ³⁷ After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. **Acts 5:35-37***

*³⁸ Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹ **But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.**” **Acts 5:38-39***

*⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been **counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.** ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ. **Acts 5:41-42***