

“Bold-Hearted Prayer”

Acts 3-4

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Sermon Points:

1. What is your biggest fear in regards to sharing your faith?

- 1) Who is someone in your life you feel uncomfortable or afraid to share your faith with them?
- 2) What is it that makes you fear?

2. “The Christian life is not about being free from fear, it’s about not being a slave to fear.” Quote attributed to Pastor Andrew Gardener

- 1) We all face fears, but when we become a slave to fear and refuse to share our faith, then it has gone too far.
- 2) How do we overcome this fear?

3. Acts 3

(Acts 3:1-2, 4:22) 1) Peter and John went to the temple together. They met a man who hadn’t walked in 40 years.

(Acts 3:6-26, 4:8-12) 2) The man was healed and everyone ran over to see the miracle. Peter took this time to preach Jesus.

(Acts 4:1-7) 3) Peter and John were arrested and threatened to never speak of Jesus again by the very men who seemingly had authority over prison, life, or death,

4. Acts 4

How did Peter and John react to this threat? Where did they get such boldness?

(Acts 4:1-4, 32-35) 1) They were not alone – they had each other, over 5,000 other disciples of Jesus, friends who would sacrifice anything for one another

(John 21:25, Acts 1, 2, 3) 2) God was working in and through them – They had witnessed 1,000s of miracles, the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, God had used them to bring over 5,000 people into His kingdom, and they had the healed man standing with them.

(Acts 4:23-31) 3) They prayed for boldness – After they were released from prison and threatened, they went straight to their friends and prayed a powerful and beautiful prayer of faith asking God for boldness.

A.S.A.P. God tells us that we have not because we have not yet asked. (James 4:2-3)

- 1) I ask again, who is someone in your life you feel uncomfortable or afraid to share your faith with them?
- 2) Have you asked to be filled with the Holy Spirit to give you boldness and power to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with this person or these people?
- 3) Will you get in the wheelbarrow or will you just cheer for other people to step out in faith?

