

“Lord, Grant us to Speak Your Word with All Boldness”

Acts 4:1-32 January 3, 2020

Sermon Series- “Precarious Prayers for 2021”

Big Idea- When the world seeks to silence us, we must press forward with courage and pray for boldness to stay faithful to the end and not be silent.

Background- The apostles brought healing to a lame man through Jesus’ name and were arrested to for their good deed by the religious authorities.

LESSON 1- In the midst of resistance, we must preach the WORD

- A. The word preached will always bear fruit to God’s PURPOSE
(Acts 4:1-4; Isaiah 55:11; **2 Corinthians 2:14-17**)
- B. The word preached is a reminder that salvation is only in JESUS
(Acts 4:5-12; John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 2:3)
- C. The word preached faithfully will meet worldly RESISTANCE
(Acts 4:13-22; John 7:7; 15:18-19; 17:14; 1 John 2:15; James 4:4)
- D. The word preached trusts in God’s sovereignty and Spirit BOLDNESS
(Acts 4:23-32; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:31; Matthew 28:18-20)

Theological application-

- 1. Bold in not staying silent (4:1, 18-19)
- 2. Bold in our confidence in the Holy Spirit’s leading (4:8)
- 3. Bold in our good deeds (4:9)
- 4. Bold in the exclusivity of Jesus (4:12)
- 5. Bold in God’s power, not our ordinariness (4:13-14)
- 6. Bold in our obedience to God and not man (4:19-20)
- 7. Bold in the midst of threats to stay silent (4:17, 21, 29)
- 8. Bold in Unity (4:23, 32)
- 9. Bold in their understanding of God’s sovereignty (4:27-28)
- 10. Bold in Prayer (4:24-31)

Bold person knows the risks, but presses forward anyway knowing it's worth it!
(Hebrews 2:14; Revelation 2:10)

^{ESV} **Acts 5:40-41** *and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.*

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples