

Dangerous Prayers

Part 4-Make Me Bold

Acts 4:1-5:21

Peter and John confronted...

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand. Acts 4:1-4 NIV

Peter and John prayed a dangerous prayer...

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” Acts 4:18-20, 29-30 NIV

Big Question: How amazed are people by your boldness? (Scale of 1-10)

After this prayer...

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.

1. God responded with POWER.

...the place where they were meeting was shaken.

2. They were filled with the HOLY SPIRIT.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...

3. They spoke the word of God BOLDLY.

...and spoke the word of God boldly.

If you choose to be bold, be aware...

1. Boldness almost always triggers SPIRITUAL OPPOSITION.

Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. Acts 5:17-18 NIV

2. Boldness often releases GOD'S MIRACLES.

But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. Acts 5:19 NIV

3. Boldness always requires FAITH.

“Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.” At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. Acts 5:20-21 NIV

What was the reward for this boldness?

What would happen in your life if you prayed this prayer? How will people respond?