

Enabled Boldness Began With A Bold Prayer Acts 4:29-31

A Church Enabled With Boldness

This surge of Enabled Boldness was not just a one-day event, but it continued to be the norm for the church as they forged ahead. Acts 4:33

- Others joining the Church, like Saul, were also enabled with the Holy Spirit of boldness. Acts 9:27-28
- Paul and Barnabas waxed bold! Acts 13:46
- Paul and Barnabas speak boldly In Iconium. Acts 14:3 (Exactly like the prayer the church prayed!)
- Paul preaching boldly in Ephesus. Acts 19:8
- Paul said his imprisonment emboldened the church of Philippi even more! Philippians 1:14 (NLT)
- Even in chains, Paul was not ashamed and continued to be bold for Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:20 (NLT)
- Paul asked the church in Ephesus to pray that he would continue to teach boldly. Ephesians 6:19-20
- In Christ Jesus, all believers find confidence and boldness. Ephesians 4:12 (NLT)

The Boldness Cycle

1. The church boldly prayed, in the face of persecution, to speak boldly the word of truth.
2. The followers of Christ were filled and enabled by the Holy Spirit to speak boldly.
3. They and every believer to follow must be obedient and speak the words of truth. Repeat....

**The Acts 4 Boldness Prayer Continues to be Answered
As the Enabled Church Walked in Obedience** Acts 5:12; 14-16....

1) Bold Obedience Often _____ **Acts 5:17-20** This is their 2nd time in jail. Acts 4:18-20
“Not ready to face opposition for your obedience, You’re not ready to be used by God.” Craig Groeschel

2) Bold Obedience _____ **About** _____ **Acts 5:19**

3) Bold Obedience Always _____ **Acts 5:20-21** Not doing what you are told to do is disobedience. Delayed obedience is disobedience. Partial obedience is disobedience.
The Apostles were found obedient and boldly speaking the word and brought back to court. Acts 5:27-29
Gamaliel gives a persuasive argument to punish the Apostles and let them go and the court agrees. Acts 5:40-42

I wonder what their prayers sounded like as they walked home that day. I bet their prayers went something like this... Acts 4:29-30

The Boldness Cycle Continued, They Never Stopped Acts 5:42

Bold Next Step – Today I will consider if, where, and when did I allow the Boldness Cycle to stop in my life.

- **Am I still asking for boldness to speak?**
- **Am I walking full of the Holy Spirit’s enabling power?**
- **Am I being obedient in speaking the good news of Jesus without stopping?**

Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. In your own words, explain The Boldness Cycle.
2. Have you been praying for boldness to speak God’s word of truth? What about on a scale of 1-10?
3. Have you been asking Jesus to baptize and fill you with his Holy Spirit daily? What about on a scale of 1-10?
4. Have you been obedient to open your mouth and speak the words of life? What about on a scale of 1-10?
5. Have you experienced that obedience brings opposition? Share your story.
6. What about miracles? What miracles have you experienced in response to your faith and obedience?
7. What has God asked you to do that required faith? What is He asking you to do right now that requires faith?
8. Concerning the Boldness Cycle, what is your strongest and weakest area? How can we all improve to keep the cycle going and, like the early church, never stop talking about Christ Jesus?

Answers: Brings – Opposition / Brings – Miracles / Requires – Faith