

Our theme at Believers Church this year has been "Enabled Boldness". This is inspired by a story in Acts chapter 3 and 4, when the Lord healed a crippled man through Peter and John.

Two Results of Boldly Declaring Jesus Acts 4:1-2

- 1) **Boldly declaring Jesus earned Peter and John a trip to jail.** Acts 4:3
- 2) **Boldly declaring Jesus resulted in salvations!** Acts 4:4

Thankful That _____ is Found in _____ Acts 4:5-12

BOLD NEXT STEP I will memorize Acts 4:12 "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Ordinary People of Courage Acts 4:13-16

How To Stop the Spreading the Good News of Jesus

Acts 4:17-18 ...speak no longer to anyone in this name

Here is the Problem, We _____ Speaking the Name of Jesus

Acts 4:19-22 ...As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard...

The _____ and The _____ Acts 4:23-28

Our 2021 Prayer for Enabled Boldness

Acts 4:29 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 signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 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.

We Cannot Do What Jesus is Asking Us to Do Without His Holy Spirit

- _____ Great _____ Matthew 28:19-20
- _____ the _____ of Jesus John 14:12

**How were the disciples going to do the works of Jesus, much less greater things?
How are we supposed to do these things?**

Jesus didn't expect them to do this with their own power and ability. They would need more. Acts 1:4-5

Even after Jesus commissioned His disciples, He instructed them to wait and not attempt anything in their own power and strength, but to first be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8

Later, the disciples received the baptism of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:1-4
They were enabled by the Holy Spirit!

We need more than our own strength, abilities, and talents. We need more than our own boldness... We need to be enabled with the boldness of the Holy Spirit.

Bold Next Step: Every day this week I will pray "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 4:29-30)

BOLD NEXT STEP I will celebrate with those making their bold declaration of Jesus today through water baptism! And every day, in my life, I will boldly declare Jesus.

Answers: Salvation – Jesus / Cannot – Stop / Report – Prayer / Our – Commission / Doing - Works