

**Series: "YOU ASKED FOR IT"**  
**Part 1: "MAKE ME BOLD"**  
**Crossroads Community Church**  
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<sup>7</sup> They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> Jesus is

"the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone."

<sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

<sup>13</sup> When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. Acts 4:7-13 (NIV)

**Truths About Spiritual Boldness:**

**1. Boldness is not a \_\_\_\_\_, it's a work of the \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>18</sup> Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! <sup>20</sup> As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

<sup>21</sup> After further threats they let them go... Acts 4:18-21a (NIV)

**2. Almost always brings \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>26</sup> "Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory..." Luke 9:26a (NIV)

<sup>29</sup> Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. <sup>30</sup> Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."  
<sup>31</sup> 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. Acts 4:29-31 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. <sup>18</sup> They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. <sup>20</sup> "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life."

<sup>21</sup> At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. Acts 5:17-21 (NIV)

**3. Requires \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>40</sup> ... They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup> The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. <sup>42</sup> Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah. Acts 5:40b-42 (NIV)

**4. Requires \_\_\_\_\_ God is \_\_\_\_\_**

**Challenges for the week ahead:**

- On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your level of spiritual boldness? How would others rate what they see in you?
- Every day this week, take five minutes to pray specifically for a spirit of boldness. Ask God to provide an opportunity that enables you to stand out for your faith.
- Is there an act of boldness God wants you to take this week?

**Sermon Notes:**

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