

FUTURE FAITH Fearless – Part 3 of 3

KEY TAKE-A-WAYS FROM THIS SERIES:

1. Uncertainty is for **CERTAIN**.
2. Living in fear is **OPTIONAL**.

"8 ... 'Rulers and elders of the people! 9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, 10 then know this...it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead...12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved!' 13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John, they realized they were unschooled, ordinary men. They were astonished, and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. 14 But since they could see that the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. 15 So they sent Peter and John and this gentleman out of the room, and they conferred together. They said, '16 What can we do? Everybody living in Jerusalem thinks God has done a miracle at the words of these men.'" Acts 4:8-10, 12-16

KEY QUESTION: What would you **PRAY**?

"24 When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. 'Sovereign Lord,' they said, 'You made the Heavens and the Earth and the sea and everything in them.'" 25 You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father, David: Why do the nations rage and the people's plot in vain? 26 The kings of the Earth rise up, and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one. 27 Indeed, Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city, to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. 28 They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. 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 they all spoke the word of God boldly." Acts 4:24-31

KEY OBSERVATION #1: When the first century Christ Followers went out and spoke the word of God boldly, they did so in such a way that it caused people to take **STEPS** towards Jesus.

KEY OBSERVATION #2: Their boldness was about a **SINGLE EVENT** that is at the center of everything we believe as Christ Followers.

KEY OBSERVATION #3: Their confidence was anchored in and founded on the **RESURRECTION** of Jesus.

BOTTOM LINE: The reason we have confidence and can live without fear in spite of what is happening around us is because God **RAISED** Jesus from the **DEAD**.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run the with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 ...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:1-3