

Movements of God: White Hot Faith

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Bible Passage: Acts 4

Introduction:

Movement of God tend to follow these traits:

- White-hot _____
- Commitment to a _____
- Contagious Relationships

“People learned to live every day expecting to be murdered, betrayed and enslaved—yet to be a man of peace with no fear of death because of the promises of an Almighty God.” –T. Cahill

Big Idea: Jesus breaks through the _____ of spiritual darkness and He often does it through ordinary people who possess a white-hot faith.

#1-When you boldly obey Jesus, you should anticipate _____ and gospel _____ (Acts 4:1-4)

- _____ to the commands of Jesus have never been automatic or easy. In fact, it almost always met by resistance (1)
- The person of Jesus, his words and teaching have always been a source of spiritual _____ (2)
- In the whirl wind of confrontation—GOD IS AT _____ IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE (3-4)

#2- _____ in your life creates space to clarify the facts about Jesus in another’s life (Acts 4:5-22)

- One person’s _____ is often answered in another’s response to their circumstances (5-7)
- When your walk in obedience is questioned, articulate _____ (8)
- When you respond, direct those who challenge your faith to the _____ of your faith. (9-12)
- The _____ to handle these encounters comes from a personal _____ with Him and spending time with _____ now (13)
- The platform to declare your allegiance to Jesus is often found in the face of _____. (14-22)

#3- _____ for Jesus comes through prayer and it inspires others to step out in obedience for Jesus. (Acts 4:23-31)

- Prayer anchored into the sovereignty of God breeds boldness (23-28)
- Praying for boldness leads to bold living (29-31)

Truth Into Action:

- When life is hard, **remember God is using your life circumstances in the lives of others.**
- Peter & John were bold, but they weren’t always that way. **Place your faith in a resurrected Jesus will feed your soul with boldness.**

Pray first†



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: If someone cuts the line in front of you, would you say something to them or keep quiet?

1. Read Acts 4:5-12. How does the believers' response to Peter and John's arrest inspire you to support fellow Christians who face persecution?
 - What lessons can you draw from Peter and John's fearless response to the Sanhedrin's commands?
2. Read Luke 12:11-12.
 - INSIGHT-Jesus had predicted that the disciples would be persecuted and would be brought before authorities on account of the gospel. His prophecy quickly came true as we read Acts 4. Jesus also encouraged them with the promise that the Holy Spirit would give them wisdom and help during those moments.
 - In what area do you need boldness? Do you ask God for that boldness?
3. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in Peter's defense and the believers' prayer?
 - In Acts 4:8 it mentions that Peter is "filled with the Holy Spirit." What does that mean? [HELP-Read Ephesians 5:18 and record what you learn about the influence of alcohol and the work of the Holy Spirit. Know this, God works through Spirit-filled people]
 - Read the following verses and write down the people named and a brief description of what happened:
 - Acts 6:5
 - Acts 7:55
 - Acts 11:24
4. Read Acts 4:29.
 - Why do you think the early believers prayed for boldness rather than protection?
 - How can we apply the believers' prayer for boldness to our own lives and contexts?
5. How does the growth of the early church despite persecution impact your view of the power of the Gospel?
6. How does this chapter inspire you to respond when faced with opposition or persecution?

Closing Prayer: Thank you, Father God, for this example of boldness in Acts 4. Cause me through the ministry of the Holy Spirit to become bold in my faith in You. Amen!