

The members of the council were amazed when they saw the **BOLDNESS** of Peter and John.

They could see they were ordinary men with no education in the scriptures.

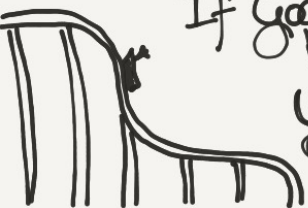
They also recognized them as men who had been with **Jesus**.

They could not deny that the man had been healed, so they ordered Peter and John not to speak of Jesus anymore.

Peter and John replied:
"Do you think God wants us to obey you over Him?"

"We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard."

If God's ministry is boring,
you're doing it wrong.



Here's how we can experience the power of the Holy Spirit.

Repentance produces a ready heart.

It's easy for us to get too comfortable in our own dirt.

There are often things in our lives holding us back or making us feel unworthy of boldness.

When we decide to turn away from that, life will become exciting and full of wonder.



Spend time with Jesus.



It's a basic thing we often fail to do.

If we're not spending time with Him in private study, we won't have the boldness to stand up for Him in public.

Opposition is always an opportunity for boldness.

The church of today's America could not survive the persecution of the early church.

We would completely fold and give up on our faith.

Boldness comes from the power of the Holy Spirit - not from our own strength.



Peter and John's boldness was a contagious example to the early church.

What kind of example are you setting?