



Bible study for the week starting August 21, 2022

SHARE

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how confident are you in sharing your faith? What keeps that number from being higher? Is it personality, knowledge, or something else?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read **Acts 5:33-42**. Talk about wise counsel from Gamaliel! Keep in mind, they still seemed to be working under the pretense that this was some sort of revolution. But still, how did this apply well to the situation in which Peter and the apostles found themselves?
3. Can you look back on your life and see the things that were not of God that failed (and give thanks they did!) and the things that were of God that succeeded (and give thanks they did!)? Share some examples.
4. Ready **Romans 8:31-39**. If God is for us, who can be against us? How do you know God is for us? What confidence does this give you, and what effects might this have on how you live since you're freed from fear?
5. Read **Matthew 16:21-25**. As we follow Peter through the book of Acts and see how many things he gets right, it's good to remember he was a work in progress, including in this story of misdirected boldness. Anybody can be bold; what happens when your boldness isn't pointed in the right direction?

PRAY

6. If it's of God, it will succeed; if it's of man, it will fail. I dare you to pray for this in your own life; it's a dangerous prayer!



The Marks of the Church: Boldness

Acts 5:33-42

August 21, 2022 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

Generosity – Truth – Obedience - BOLDNESS

Maintain the TENSION

The MAGIC SAUCE

“...If this plan of this undertaking is of man, it will FAIL; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found OPPOSING God!”

SLOW pitch softball

You’ve gotta SWING the BAT!

A list of NAMES

For next week, read Acts 6:1-7.