

**LIKE JESUS**  
**A Healthy, Growing, Messy Church, Pt. 2**  
***Our Response to Opposition***  
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**God will intervene!**

**What God wants to do will not be stopped by those who oppose him,  
his message or his people!**

**GOD's Story— A Healthy, Growing, Messy Church, Pt. 2**  
**Our Response to Opposition, Acts 4**

**Tell...**

**ACTS 3: Review...**

- Amazing healing in the name of Jesus, the resurrected Messiah. The lame walk!
- The Point: "You killed the Author of Life, but God raised him from the dead."
- Our Response: "Repent! Turn to God that our sins may be wiped out!"
- Times of refreshing will come while we wait for Jesus to return and restore all things.
- God sent Jesus to bless us. God's blessing = turning us from our wicked ways.

**Story—ACTS 4:**

- Those in authority do not believe in the resurrection of the dead—especially Jesus!
- But the powerful message cannot be stopped. Church grew to 5K men = 10K peeps!
- "Salvation is found in no one else," is an arrogant statement UNLESS Jesus rose!
- The testimony of your life and the good work of God will silence fools. (1 Peter 2:15)
- They listened to/obeyed God, not the influencers around them.
- They prayed for boldness, not protection!
- They prayed not for calm, but for healing, signs and wonders in the name of Jesus!
- God's grace worked powerfully in them—no needy people in the church!

**BIG Idea:**

**As a healthy, growing church, we remain faithful to the message about Jesus  
in the face of opposition.**

**We speak the Word of God boldly.**

**We pray for the sick in the name of Jesus.**

**And we share our possessions so no one among us is in need.**

**Right On!**

**O.T. Scripture: Psalm 138**