

# Life

Acts 4:13–22

## A Word Of Mercy

### Matthew 9:11-13

*When the Pharisees saw this they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard this he said, "Those who are healthy don't need a physician, but those who are sick do. Go and learn what this saying means: 'I want mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."*

### 1. Peter and John

#### Verse 13

*"When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and discovered that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized these men had been with Jesus"*

#### John 7:15

*"Then the Jewish leaders were astonished [same word] and said, "How does this man know so much when he has never had formal instruction?"*

### 2. The Response

#### Verses 16,17

*"What should we do with these men? For it is plain to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable miraculous sign has come about through them, and we cannot deny it. But to keep this matter from spreading any further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name."*

### 3. The Response of Peter and John

#### Verse 19,20

*"But Peter and John replied, "Whether it is right before God to obey you rather than God, you decide, for it is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard."*

**What does this have to do with me?**

#### 1. We Need To Be Bold And Clear

#### 2. There Are Benefactors Of Wrongdoing And Wrong Thinking

#### 3. A Deaf Ear To Scripture

#### 4. The Responsibility Of Speaking God's Truth

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**5. Not Called To Win, Called To Bear Witness**