

## **5-Day Devotional: We Cannot Keep Silent**

### **Day 1: Transformed by His Presence**

**Reading: Acts 4:13; Exodus 34:29-35**

#### **Devotional**

The religious leaders noticed something unmistakable about Peter and John—they had been with Jesus. Just as Moses' face shone after encountering God's glory, time with Jesus transforms us from the inside out. The disciples weren't impressive by worldly standards, yet their boldness revealed divine influence. When we prioritize time in God's presence through prayer, worship, and Scripture, we are changed. Others begin to see Jesus in our words, actions, and attitudes. The question isn't whether we have theological training or natural talent, but whether we've genuinely spent time with the One who transforms lives. Today, evaluate your time with Jesus. Is His presence evident in your life?

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### **Day 2: Undeniable Evidence**

**Reading: Acts 4:14-16; John 9:1-25**

#### **Devotional**

The healed man stood as living proof of Jesus' power—evidence the religious leaders couldn't deny or dismiss. Similarly, the man born blind in John 9 declared, "One thing I know: I was blind but now I see!" Your transformed life is the most powerful apologetic for the Gospel. People may debate theology or question doctrine, but they cannot argue with authentic change. What has Jesus done in your life? Perhaps He freed you from addiction, restored your marriage, healed your body, or gave you peace in chaos. Your testimony matters. Someone needs to hear how Jesus transformed you. Don't underestimate the power of your story—it's undeniable evidence that Jesus is alive and still working today.

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### **Day 3: Choosing God Over Fear**

**Reading: Acts 4:17-21; Daniel 3:16-18**

#### **Devotional**

Peter and John faced a critical choice: obey God or submit to human threats. Like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego before the fiery furnace, they chose faithfulness regardless of

consequences. Courage isn't the absence of fear; it's deciding that obedience to God matters more than personal comfort or safety. The religious leaders threatened them severely, yet they recognized a higher authority. Today, you may face pressure to compromise your faith—to stay silent about Jesus, to blend in with culture, or to prioritize acceptance over truth. Remember: temporary threats cannot compare to eternal purposes. When you stand for Christ, you never stand alone. God honors those who honor Him, even when opposition seems overwhelming. Choose obedience today.

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#### **Day 4: The Overflow of Encounter**

**Reading: Acts 4:19-20; Luke 8:38-39**

##### **Devotional**

"We cannot but speak" wasn't religious obligation—it was spiritual overflow. Peter couldn't help himself because he had genuinely encountered the risen Christ. The demon-possessed man Jesus healed wanted to follow Him, but Jesus said, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." Evangelism flows naturally from authentic encounter. When you've experienced God's forgiveness, healing, or deliverance, sharing becomes irrepressible. You don't need a seminary degree or perfect theology—just a genuine testimony. Reflect on your spiritual journey. What has Jesus done for you? How has He changed your life? When that reality grips your heart, silence becomes impossible. Let your life overflow with gratitude, and watch how naturally conversations about Jesus emerge.

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#### **Day 5: A Church That Cannot Be Silenced**

**Reading: Acts 4:23-31; Matthew 5:14-16**

##### **Devotional**

After being threatened, the disciples didn't retreat in fear—they gathered to pray for greater boldness. God answered by shaking the place and filling them afresh with the Holy Spirit. Jesus called us to be light in darkness, not hidden but shining brightly. The world desperately needs a church that has been with Jesus, refuses intimidation, and speaks truth in love. Throughout history, every attempt to silence God's people has only spread the Gospel further. The early church turned the world upside down not through political power or cultural acceptance, but through Spirit-filled boldness and authentic witness. Today, commit to being part of a church that cannot be silenced. Pray for boldness, live transparently, and share the hope within you.