

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning – 10-26-25
Christianity 103 – Message 4 Part 3
Being a witness may take you to interesting places.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) The growth of our faith is directly related to the study of God's Word.
 - a) Did your knowledge, understanding and application grow this week?
- 2) Peter and John were alert, attentive, available and ready.
 - a) They are being examined by the religious leaders.
- 3) Peter confronted them with the truth.
 - a) Acts 4:10 –
 - b) They think Jesus is dead. Peter said He is Alive.
- 4) Every believer must consider the evidence of scripture in their life.
 - a) God has provided all that we need for life and godliness. II Peter 1:3-4
- 5) Verse 12 – There is no other name whereby one is saved. Only Jesus!

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) Is this really worth it? Giving my life to follow Jesus?
- 2) Why do we wrestle with this question?
 - a) John 16:33 –
 - b) Decisions we make in difficult moments reveal the temperature of our hearts for the things of the Lord.
 - c) Is my walk and relationship with Jesus really worth all that the Spirit of God leads me to do each day?
 - d) Hebrews 10:24-25 –

2. These men have been with Jesus. Acts 4:13-16

a. What a testimony.

- 1) Verse 13 –
 - a) “boldness” – freedom of speech. They spoke without fear.
 - b) “unlearned and ignorant men” –
 - c) “they had been with Jesus” –
- 2) What caused the religious leaders to think they had been with Jesus?
- 3) Verse 14 –
 - a) The evidence left them with nothing they could say.
- 4) Verse 15 –
 - a) The miracle is bearing witness.
- 5) Verse 16 –
 - a) They confessed there was a miracle.

3. What are we going to do to these men? Acts 4:17-22

a. A truly perplexing problem.

- 1) This would be easy for them to deal with. Why?

b. Verse 17 –

- 1) Their answer, silence this. Their idea, threaten them.
- 2) There are some modern-day threats to silence believers.
 - a) There is social rejection and ridicule.

- b) There is cultural and even legal pressure.
 - c) There is persecution and violence.
 - d) There is censoring and silencing.
 - e) There is spiritual warfare in this battle.
- c. Verse 18 –
 - 1) Clear choice to be made here.
 - a) What will you do? Who will you obey?
- 4. Peter and John respond. Acts 4:19-22
 - a. Verse 19 –
 - 1) This was a wise response.
 - a) This command was from God.
 - 2) Peter used a simple formula here. Is it right?
 - 3) Remember, there are times when taking a stand that you will need to face the consequences of such a stand.
 - a) What was their decision?
 - b. Verse 20 –
 - 1) Two things stick out here:
 - a) They will not be silenced concerning Jesus
 - b) The evidence has convinced them of this stand.
 - 2) Application:
 - a) How convinced are we of these things?
 - 3) These religious leaders did not like the answer that Peter gave them.
 - c. Verse 21 –
 - 1) They tried to threaten them again.
 - d. Verse 22 –
 - 1) We get more insight into the man who was healed.
- 5. Today's Take Away:
 - a. Peter and John believed in Jesus.
 - b. You will have tribulation in the world. John 16:33.
 - c. We know that there are modern day threats to silence believers.