

## **Personal Reflection Questions: Unstoppable Boldness**

### **Acts 4:13–31**

#### **Personal Devotion**

1. Read Acts 4:13-31
2. Have you ever been threatened because of your faith in God?
3. How did you respond to those threats?

#### **Community and Fellowship**

1. Have you ever prayed in a group setting with “one mind” (in unison)?
2. What were some of the key elements of community prayer to God?
  - a. How often do you pray this way with a community of believers?
  - b. How would praying together with “one mind” affect our fellowship?

#### **Growing in Faith**

1. How does the community prayer in Acts 4 acknowledge our God specifically?
  - a. Why is it important to recognize the Triune nature of God in our prayers?
  - b. What is the significance of using the word “Lord” when praying?
2. How important is the inspiration of our Holy Scriptures to our Christian faith?
3. We’re told to give a portion of our income back to God because it’s His provision in our lives that allows us to earn an income in the first place. Since God inspired many humans to record Scripture over thousands of years, how important is it to return a portion of Scripture to God in prayer?

#### **Impact on Others**

1. How often do you pray for boldness or confidence in speaking to others about what God is doing in your life?
2. Have you ever considered yourself to be a “priest”?
3. It is the job of a Priest to represent God to the people (by speaking God’s word to them) and to represent the people to God (by taking their concerns to God in prayer). When we speak the word of God or tell about what we have seen or heard God doing, how are we fulfilling the role of Priest (1Peter 2:9)?

#### **Pray**

1. Pray to the Lord, representing other people you know, to God.
2. Pray for opportunities to represent God to other people this week.
3. Using your own words, pray something like Peter & John did in Acts 4:19, 20 (or like Joshua in Josh 24:15; or like Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego in Dan 3:16-18).

## Small Group Discussion Guide: Unstoppable Boldness

### Open

1. Pray this Scripture together:  
“Now may the God and Father of all hope fill us with joy and peace in believing in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that we will abound in hope and boldness through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”
2. Read **Acts 4:13-31** to begin your Grace Group.

### Discuss: How have we seen the Holy Spirit at work in the church in Acts 3 & 4?

(place the letter corresponding to the scripture verse which describes the work of the Holy Spirit in the left-hand column, on the line in the center column)

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| 1. Convicts us of sin                  | _____ | a. Acts 4:25                  |
| 2. Brings us to conversion             | _____ | b. Acts 3:19 (and 4:4)        |
| 3. Indwells & empowers us to be bold   | _____ | c. Acts 4:4                   |
| 4. Provides support in trials          | _____ | d. Acts 3:22, 25; 4:11, 24-26 |
| 5. Helps us understand Scripture       | _____ | e. Acts 4:24                  |
| 6. Inspired the recording of Scripture | _____ | f. Acts 3 & 4                 |
| 7. Brings Unity to the church          | _____ | g. Acts 4:31                  |
| 8. Enables us to be bold               | _____ | h. Acts 4:8                   |

### Apply:

1. Which of those seven ways that the Holy Spirit works, have you experienced?
2. How could you use parts of the “Bold Victory Prayer”(Acts 4:24-30) to give thanks for a victory God has given to you?
  - a. Recognize God’s Sovereignty over all things (4:24)
  - b. Recognize how the Holy Spirit helped you understand the situation (4:25)
  - c. Pray Scripture, that was important to the situation, back to God (4:25, 26)
  - d. Tell God how Scripture helped you to understand the situation (4:27)
  - e. Review how God’s sovereignty was specifically seen in the situation (4:28)
  - f. Add a request for any lingering concerns (4:29a)
  - g. Make a specific request about how you want God to help you in the future (4:29b)
  - h. Recognize the part God will play (4:30)

### Pray:

1. Give thanks to God for specific prayers He has answered.
  - > If you are “bold” enough, choose 2 or 3 elements from the “Bold Victory Prayer” to construct your own prayer of thanksgiving to God.
2. Close your personal time of prayer by praying this Scripture together: **Matthew 6:9–13.** (after praying “deliver us from evil,” offer petitions and/or requests from your Grace Group, then—after those prayers have been completed—finish the prayer time with **“For the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory are Yours, now and forever more. Amen.”**)