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Let's Be Bold This Year

Four steps to living boldly for Jesus in 2024

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²³ When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, “ ‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain?

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²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed' — ²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

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²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,
³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

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1. Admit that heavenly help is needed. (v. 23)

- What is our problem as humans in general? – We aren't perfect, we aren't indestructible, and we live in a very imperfect world.
- What is our problem as believers? 1.) The world is not our home, but it seems so appealing at times., 2.) We are called to be in the world, but it can be so unfriendly.
- What is your problem right now?
- We all need heavenly help.

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2. Appeal to the Lord for heavenly help; and as you pray, pray boldly. (v. 24-30)

- V. 24 – God is sovereign and in control over everything, top to bottom.
- V. 25-26 – They use Scripture to pray, both to make sure they are praying God’s will and to invoke His promises.
- V. 27-28 – Jesus on the cross is the number one example and proof that even though bad things happen it does not disprove that a Good God exists.
- V. 29-30 – Though troubles will be a part of God’s plan for your life, you can ask for heavenly help when you face them.

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3. Be assured, the Heavenly Helper's presence and power will be given. (v. 31a)

- The Holy Spirit is also referred to as the Helper.
- When's the last time your life was shaken? Did you look up?

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4. Act boldly for Jesus. (v. 31b)

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