

An Example of Boldness

Acts 4

Introduction:

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-What is boldness?

-Boldness is courage to _____ up for the Word of God and to _____ the Word of God even it's not _____ to do so.

I. The Disruption by the Officers (v1-4)

-Priests, Captain of the Temple, Sadducees

-Peter and John's method: Was it a failure?

-“many of those who heard the word believed”

II. The Meeting with the Sanhedrin (v5-7)

-What was the Sanhedrin?

-Annas, Caiaphas, John and Alexander

-They sat in a semi-circle when in session

III. The Boldness of the Disciples (v8-22)

-Peter was bold, but it didn't come natural

-Peter preached that there was only one way

-The disciples were forbidden to speak the truth

-Peter and John determined to preach the Word regardless of the cost

-Peter and John were authentic in their witness

IV. The Prayer for Boldness (v23-31)

-They affirmed the sovereignty of God

-They affirmed their need for God's strength to be bold

V. The Dynamic of the Early Church (v32-37)

-They were unified

-They were generous

-They were sacrificial

Conclusion: Are you a bold witness for Jesus Christ?

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