

**BOLD—1
AMAZING BOLDNESS**

- **BOLDNESS IS BEHAVIOR BORN OUT OF BELIEF.**

boldness: *parrhesia* (par-rhay-see'-ah); outspokenness, assurance, courage, confidence; to act without fear.

AMAZING BOLDNESS

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of our people, 9 are we being questioned today because we've done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? 10 Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. Acts 4:8-10 NLT

The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus. Acts 4:13 NLT

BOLD FACTS

- 1) **GOD GIVES ORDINARY PEOPLE EXTRAORDINARY BOLDNESS.**

...[The leaders] could see that [Peter and John] were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures... Acts 4:13 NLT

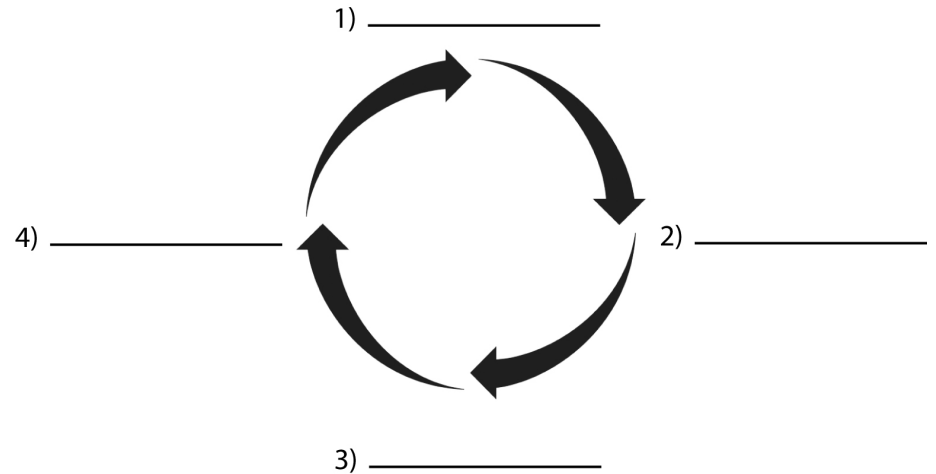
- 2) **YOUR BOLDNESS WILL AMAZE THE WORLD.**

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HOW AMAZED ARE PEOPLE BY YOUR BOLDNESS?

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- 3) **SPIRITUAL BOLDNESS COMES FROM KNOWING CHRIST.**



- **Time with Jesus builds your faith; which leads to boldness that produces spiritual results.**

"We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard." Acts 4:20 NLT

TALK IT OVER

- Belief determines behavior. What beliefs about yourself do you need to change that are keeping you from living with amazing boldness?
- What number did you circle about your amazing boldness? Where in your relationship in Christ do you need to become bolder?
- What steps do you need to take that will help you grow your faith in Christ?

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BOLD—2
BOLD PRAYERS

- **WHAT YOU PRAY FOR REFLECTS WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT GOD.**

WHAT DID YOU PRAY ABOUT LAST WEEK?

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. 24 When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. Acts 4:23-24

"Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. 25 You spoke by the Holy Spirit...27 Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. 28 They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Acts 4:24-25; 27-28

TWO BOLD PRAYERS

- **PRAY FOR BOLDNESS.**

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Acts 4:29

- **PRAY FOR MIRACLES.**

Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." Acts 4:30

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. Acts 4:31

TALK IT OVER

- How would describe the way you pray? What's keeping you from changing your selfish and small prayers into bold prayers?
- What bold things do you need to start praying for right now?
- What bold results would you like to see come from your bold prayers?

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BOLD—3
BOLD SPEAKING

- **WE SPEAK BOLDLY ABOUT WHAT WE BELIEVE DEEPLY.**

So Saul...moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. Acts 9:28

So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord... Acts 14:3

...And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. Acts 4:31

BOLD SPEAKING

"What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everybody living in Jerusalem knows they have done an outstanding miracle, and we cannot deny it. 17 But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn these men to speak no longer to anyone in this name." 18 Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. 20 For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." Acts 4:16-20

BECAUSE I BELIEVE SO DEEPLY

- **I CAN'T HELP BUT SPEAK BOLDLY TO MYSELF.**
And David was greatly distressed; for the people spoke of stoning him...but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.
1 Samuel 30:6 KJV

- **I CAN'T HELP BUT ENCOURAGE YOU.**
But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today...
Hebrews 3:13

- **I CAN'T HELP BUT LOVINGLY CORRECT YOU.**
Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.
Proverbs 27:6

- **I CAN'T HELP BUT LEAD YOU TOWARD CHRIST.**
For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.
Acts 4:20

TALK IT OVER

- What bold words do you need to speak to yourself today?
- Who do you know that needs to hear bold words of correction or encouragement from you this week?
- Who do you know that needs to know Christ? What bold words can you speak that will lead them towards Christ?

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BOLD—4
BOLD OBEDIENCE

Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ²⁰ "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life." Acts 5:17-20

BOLD OBEDIENCE

1) USUALLY TRIGGERS OPPOSITION.

They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. Acts 5:18

2) OFTEN RELEASES GOD'S MIRACLES.

But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. Acts 5:19

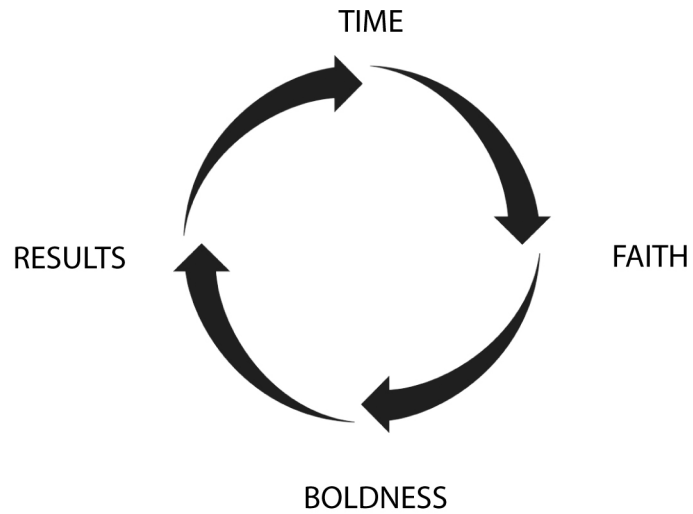
3) ALWAYS REQUIRES FAITH.

"Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life." Acts 5:20

At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people... Acts 5:21

- **DELAYED OBEDIENCE IS DISOBEDIENCE.**
- **PARTIAL OBEDIENCE IS DISOBEDIENCE.**

*"We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."
²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!" Acts 5:28-29*



TALK IT OVER

- What's one thing that God is asking you to do right now? What will be your next step in boldly obeying Him?
- What's keeping you from boldly obeying God? How will you go about removing these barriers?
- Share a time when you didn't obey God completely and immediately. What did you learn from your experience?

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