

A Bold Witness

Acts 4:29-31

I. WITNESSING

A. A conviction of mission and of God's concern (v.29-30)

1. Of the message (v.29b)

They prayed for boldness, for more courage to bear testimony, no matter the abuse and opposition. They asked to be fearless, for God to remove their fear. Note they asked for ALL BOLDNESS

- Not to stop evil men
- Not for the persecution to stop
- Not for thing to quiet down

When should the persecution stop? NOW

2. The word BEHOLD, means to look upon.

To consider the persecution and:

- Remove what He would of it
- To remove whatever fury was not to be used for His glory.
- To give the faith and endurance to bear testimony through it
- To use the persecution to praise His name.

3. Of mission and boldness (v.29) Grant unto thy servants

- This boldness only comes from God
- This courage only comes from God
- This unction only comes from God

4. Of the need for signs and wonders (v.30)

For a demonstration of God's power to prove their claim, the claim that...

- God's Son did come to earth.
- God's Son did die.
- God's Son did arise.
- God's Son was exalted to the right hand of God.
- God's Son was still active and working in men's lives today.

Only one thing could prove such a message: the power of the living Lord proving itself in signs and wonders.

1. The power lies "in the name" of Jesus (Acts 4:7, 10, 12, 17, 18)
2. The power is for the glory of Jesus alone.

II. THE RESULTS (v.31)

A. Boldness and witnessing

- The place was shaken (v.31a)
- They were all filled with the Spirit (v.31b)
- They witnessed boldly (v.31c)