



ACTS 4:23–31

# PRAYING FOR BOLDNESS

When pressure comes, the church returns, prays, asks—and keeps speaking.



## BIG IDEA

Do not face pressure alone. Return to God’s people, pray God’s Word, trust God’s rule, and ask the Holy Spirit for courage to make Jesus known.

## READ IT

Read Acts 4:23–31. Circle what the church remembers about God. Underline what they ask Him to do.

## KEY QUESTION

**How should followers of Jesus respond when obedience brings pressure?**

## 01 RETURN

Tell trusted believers what happened.

## 02 PRAY

Let Scripture shape how you see the pressure.

## 03 ASK

Request boldness—not revenge or escape.

## 04 SPEAK

Depend on the Spirit and keep witnessing.

## WHAT ACTS 4 MAKES CLEAR

Prayer names danger honestly. God’s control never excuses injustice. Boldness is faithful speech—not aggression. God gives power to obey even when pressure remains.

## MAKE IT REAL

Fear says: Hide. Handle it alone. Strike back.  
The Spirit leads: Tell the truth. Pray the Word. Ask for courage. Speak about Jesus with respect.

# THE BOLDNESS LAB

Choose a real pressure. Let Acts 4 shape your next faithful move.

THINK • PRAY • ACT

Be honest. Be specific.

## ☐ SCHOOL

Someone mocks your faith or pressures you to stay silent.

## ☐ FRIENDS

A friend asks you to join something you know is wrong.

## ☐ ONLINE

A post about Jesus brings criticism, jokes, or arguments.

## 1 TRACE YOUR RESPONSE

The pressure I chose:

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My first reaction might be:

☐ Isolate ☐ Panic ☐ Attack ☐ Pretend ☐ Control

A Spirit-led response could be:

☐ Return to trusted people ☐ Tell the truth

☐ Pray Scripture ☐ Ask for courage ☐ Speak respectfully

## 2 BUILD AN ACTS 4 PRAYER

God, You are...

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Your Word reminds me...

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Please help me...

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## 3 PLAN YOUR BOLD MOVE

This week, I will faithfully...

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The trusted person who will pray with me is...

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## SHARE + PRAY

Tell one trusted person your plan.  
Pray for each other before you leave.

### REMEMBER

Boldness is not being loud or aggressive. It is faithfully speaking about Jesus while depending on the Holy Spirit.

### PRAYER NOTES

What do I want my group to pray with me about?

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