

Acts

THE BOOK OF ACTS

ACTS 4:1-13

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SUNDAY REFRESHER

Have you ever felt like God could use someone else more easily than He could use you? Someone with more education, more confidence, or better answers? Peter and John were ordinary men without formal religious training, yet they stood before powerful leaders and boldly proclaimed Jesus. What made the difference? They had been with Jesus. They knew He had risen from the dead, and they had experienced the power of His presence. Their confidence grew out of a relationship with the living, reigning Christ.

That same Jesus is alive and active today. He reigns at the right hand of the Father, represents us before God, and empowers His people through the Holy Spirit. We can spend so much time looking at what we lack that we overlook who is with us. God delights in working through ordinary people who make themselves available to Him. As we spend time with Jesus and trust His authority, He shapes how we live, how we speak, and how we respond when following Him requires courage.

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

- *What did God say to you through this passage and teaching?*
- *Did God reveal anything new to you?*
- *How is this relevant in your journey to make disciples who Love God and Love people?*



QUESTIONS

- *Where do you feel too ordinary or unqualified for God to use you? How does the example of Peter and John challenge the limitations you have placed on yourself?*
- *Would the people around you recognize that you have been with Jesus? Consider how time with Him is shaping your words, your responses, and your willingness to stand for what you believe.*
- *What difference does it make to know that Jesus is alive, reigning, and actively working on your behalf? Where is He calling you to trust Him and take a step of obedience this week?*

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Acts 4:1–13 | Acts 2:23–24 | Acts 2:32–33 | Acts 1:3–11 | Luke 24:36–51 | Hebrews 9:24 | 1 John 2:1 | Matthew 10:19–20

CONCLUSION

Peter knew what it was like to be afraid. He had denied knowing Jesus, yet here he was, standing before the authorities and boldly proclaiming His name. What happened between those moments? He encountered the risen Christ. The Jesus he had followed was alive, and that reality changed how Peter faced the world. We need to let that truth settle into our own lives. Jesus is present and powerful, and He is working on our behalf right now.

So where does that leave us? We can keep waiting until we feel more qualified, or we can make ourselves available to the One who calls us. Spend time with Him. Bring Him your fears. Trust Him with the conversation, the relationship, or the next step you have been avoiding. You may feel ordinary, but your life is in the hands of the living King. What might He do through you this week if you simply said, “Lord, I’m available”?

Knowing that life transformation happens best through intentional, meaningful relationships, don’t let this week’s sermon remain as mere information. In the next few days, look for ways to teach, challenge, encourage and/or pray about what you’re discovering!

