

UNSHAKABLE: Spirit-filled boldness in the face of opposition

BOLD [Foundations]

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Acts 4:1-31

BIG IDEA:

When a church is rooted in **CHRIST** and reliant on the **SPIRIT**, opposition only makes it bolder.

KEY VERSE:

“³¹After 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**.”

BACKGROUND:

Here we encounter the first recorded persecution of the early church following the death and resurrection of Christ. Following the miraculous healing of a lame man, instead of favour, Peter and John are seized by authorities and are about to respond before the Sanhedrin.

CONTEXT:

Analyze **Acts 4:1-4**: *What is disturbing the authorities?*

BIBLICAL TRUTH #1:

A CHURCH BUILT UPON CHRIST IS _____ (v. 4)

“⁴But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.” - Acts 4:4

Reflection Question: When pressure hits your life, what does it reveal about your foundation?

- What I truly trust: _____
- Where my identity is rooted: _____

“¹³When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.” – Acts chapter 4

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BIBLICAL TRUTH #2:

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST BRINGS _____ (vv.8-12)

“The absolute strongest evangelistic tool we have in this city is transformed lives!”

Reflection Question: Where is God still transforming you?

BIBLICAL TRUTH #3:

PRAYERS for _____ NOT _____
(vv.23-30)

TAKEAWAY – CHALLENGE

IDENTIFY: What’s your reason for staying on the “sidelines”?

- Fear
- Comfort
- Feeling unqualified
- Busyness
- Other: _____

What step of bold obedience is God calling you to this week?

If you want Acts 4 filling, you need Acts 4 obedience!