

WORD

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³⁰Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” 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. ACTS 4:29-31

WHAT

Fear is a very paralyzing emotion that can lead to great losses and missed opportunities. Yet the Bible tells us that asking boldness from God overcomes fear like what Peter and John did when they faced a great challenge. Let us learn more about boldness from these three points.

1 Boldness is needed when talking about God and His kingdom.

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

The early believers did not ask God to change their difficult situation. They saw it as an opportunity to share Christ and the gospel and asked for boldness instead. As followers of Jesus, we need to realize that opposition will always be present and that we need to focus on Jesus who endured all these for us (Hebrews 12:3). How does this help us become bold?

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2 Boldness can be asked through prayer.

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

The early church prayed for boldness in faith (Philippians 4:6; Matthew 7:7). As God moves in our behalf according to His promise (Mark 16:15-18), our message is validated. When we realize that it is not about us but about Jesus and His gospel, why can we freely ask for boldness to share the Word?

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3 Boldness comes from the Holy Spirit.

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

After prayer, the place they were meeting was shaken and the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and became bold to share the gospel. True and lasting boldness does not come from weapons, wealth, or earthly authority—it comes from God! What does the Bible say on how we are to accomplish God’s work (Zechariah 4:6)?

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