

Make Me Bold

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I. Intro

- A. Followers of Jesus don't " ____ IT SAFE!"

II. Peter & John Before the Sanhedrin

- A. Acts 4:7 (NIV) *They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"*
- B. Acts 4:8-10 (NIV) ⁸*Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people!⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed,¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed."*
- C. Acts 4:13 (NIV) *When 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.*
- D. Acts 4:23-31 (NIV) ²³*On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.'²⁷Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.²⁹Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰Stretch out your hand to heal and perform 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.*

"Lord, make me ____!"

III. What Happens When We Pray, "Lord, Make Me Bold"?

- A. Boldness almost always triggers _____.
1. Acts 5:18 (NLT) *They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.*
- B. Boldness often releases _____.
1. Acts 5:19 (NLT) *But an angel of the Lord came at night, opened the gates of the jail, and brought them out.*
- C. Boldness always requires _____.
1. Acts 5:20-21 (NLT) ²⁰*Go to the Temple and give the people this message of life!"²¹So at daybreak the apostles entered the Temple, as they were told, and immediately began teaching.*