



## #11 Bolder than Bolder than Bold *Acts 4:23-37*

**Acts 4:23** When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said,

**1. They told their friends the crazy story and then they immediately PRAYED!**

<sup>24</sup> “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them,

**2. They acknowledged, without reservation, the POWERFUL God to whom they have approached.**

<sup>25</sup> *who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, ““Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>26</sup>The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’ — (Ps 2:1-2)*

**3. They reminded themselves about the PROMISE of God’s true Ruler, Jesus.**

<sup>27</sup> for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, <sup>28</sup> to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

**4. They declared, without exception, that even all the actions taken by the ones against Jesus was part of God’s PLAN.**

<sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, look upon their threats and *grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, <sup>30</sup> while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”*

**5. Their prayer was only to fulfill His PURPOSE, not their own.**

<sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

**6. God displayed His power – He filled them with the Holy Spirit to speak with boldness so they were fully PREPARED!**

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<sup>32</sup> Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and *no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.*

**One heart: THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS**

**One soul: VERY BREATH**

<sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup> and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**Great power: apostles RESPONDED to the Spirit**

**Great grace: the Spirit RESPONDED to the people**

<sup>36</sup> Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, <sup>37</sup> sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles’ feet.

**His response: DISPLAYED his call**

**His testimony: DECLARED his belief**

### Ephesians 1:13-14

**BELIEVE**: the Gospel of your salvation, be sealed with the Holy Spirit

**BREATHE**: deposit guaranteeing our inheritance

**BEHAVE**: to the praise of His glory

So how are we going to behave?

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*What is your response?*