

Sermon **Acts 4:5-31** What Makes a Christian Bold?
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Trusting in the power of God to save makes us bold to share the gospel with everyone.

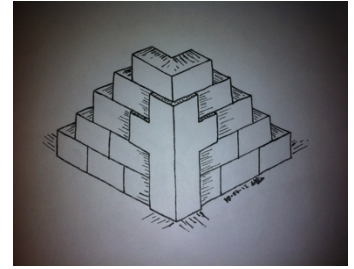
“By what power or by what name did you do this?” 4:7

Point 1: 4:5 –10 It is only through Jesus, change happens.

Point 2: 4:11-22 In the Name of Jesus alone, there is salvation. (11)

Point 3: 4:23-28 In the Name of Jesus, God’s sovereign plan is fulfilled.

Point 4: 4:29-31 In the Name of Jesus, God’s presence is with us.



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Discussion and Application

1. How are you different today because of Jesus?
 - a. Share a specific example.
2. How does He help you change now?
3. How do you respond when someone says there are many ways to heaven?
4. How should the truth of the gospel (“no other name by which men can be saved”) make us bold?
5. In God’s sovereign activity, he crosses our paths with particular people.
 - a. How does knowing God is sovereign over everything, including salvation, embolden our sharing, our testimony and our witness? Share an example.
6. God is eager to give us boldness. What keeps us from asking for it?
 - a. Share some way, that for you, you have been bold – inviting in, reaching out, sharing generously, opening your home, spending time etc.
7. How does the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit affirm to us God’s presence?
 - a. How does He help us to be bold?

Parents

1. Acts 4:23-31 is a clear picture of the church praying to share the gospel boldly.
2. Pick 5 people in your sphere of relationships that do not know Jesus. on a piece of paper, trace their hand around all fingers and the thumb. Write each of their names in on a finger.
3. Pray for God to give you opportunities with all 5 of them – more than likely as a family. Pray for God to use you.
4. Make a list of things you can do to hang out with them and be with them.
5. Put your hand paper with their names on it on the refrigerator. Take a couple minutes everyday this week to pray boldly for them to come to know Jesus.