

# CHURCH *Empowered*

**Boldness**  
Message 4

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**3. Expressing \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(Acts 4:16-22. C/R: Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 9:16;  
2 Timothy 1:7; 1 Peter 3:13-16)

## ► Outline

*"We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard."*

**Acts 4:20 (NLT)**

## Exercising boldness includes...

(Acts 4:1-31)

**1. Encountering \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(Acts 4:1-7. C/R: John 11:47-48; 15:18-20; 16:2;  
2 Timothy 3:12)

**2. Engaging \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(Acts 4:8-15. C/R: Psalm 118:22; Luke 12:11-12;  
21:12-15; Ephesians 5:15-19)

**4. Entreating God's \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(Acts 4:23-31. C/R: Psalm 2:1-2; Ephesians 3:14-15;  
6:18-20; 2 Timothy 1:7)

**Answers:** 1. opposition 2. opportunities 3. convictions 4. assistance

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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit [brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups](http://brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups).

### Conversation Starter

What was a significant challenge you faced this past week?

### Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you experience His love and hear His voice as you study and reflect.

### Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Acts 4:1-12](#).

1. Peter preached his second sermon in [Acts 3:12-26](#). What happened as a result of that sermon ([vs. 1-4](#))?
2. Did the arrest of Peter and John slow the spread of the Gospel ([vs. 3-4](#))? How can the power of God be made evident even in the midst of adverse situations?

Read [Acts 4:13-31](#).

3. What enabled Peter and John to have such boldness ([vs. 23-31](#))?
4. Many people believe they need to know a lot of Scripture before talking to people about Jesus. What does [vs. 13](#) say about that belief? Does this mean biblical knowledge is unimportant? Why or why not?
5. How did the presence of the healed man affect the council ([vs. 14](#))? If the healed man had not been present, do you think the council would have responded differently?
6. The council commanded Peter and John not to speak to anyone in Jesus' name again. How did Peter and John respond ([vs. 16-20](#))?
7. If someone had a genuine interest in knowing about your faith, what would you tell them?

8. When we send out missionaries, our prayers typically ask for their protection, safety and ease of sharing the Gospel. How are those requests different from those requests in [vs. 29-30](#)?
9. How confident do you feel about having conversations with others about Jesus? What would it look like for you to share the word of God with *great boldness* ([vs. 29, 31](#))?
10. Make a list of things you and/or your Small Group can begin doing today that will help the good news of Jesus reach our community.

### Spiritual Practice

*[Spiritual Practices are steps we take to allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives. These aren't meant to be one-time actions, but practices that become a natural part of our lives.]*

God reveals Himself to each of us in unique ways. These experiences, often referred to as *God moments*, are personal and undeniable. Write down a specific way God has revealed Himself to you. Ask God for boldness to share this with someone. Talk with God about areas in your life where you're being stretched, criticized or challenged. Ask God to make you a person of courage as you faithfully tell others about Jesus. Make the words of [Acts 4:29-30](#) your prayer to God.

### Memory Verse

*"And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, Your servants, great boldness in preaching Your word."* [Acts 4:29 \(NLT\)](#)

### Daily Reading

- Day 1: [1 Thessalonians 2:2-8](#)    Day 4: [John 11:47-48](#)  
Day 2: [Proverbs 28:1](#)    Day 5: [John 5:18-20](#)  
Day 3: [2 Corinthians 3:4-6](#)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, October 18, we'll continue the series titled *Church Empowered*. To prepare, read [Acts 4:32-5:16](#).