



DANGEROUS
PRAYERS

1. MAKE ME BOLD

Acts 4:29, 5:18-21

Key Points :

- Key point 1. **Acts of Boldness trigger spiritual opposition (Acts 4:29 & 5:18)**
 - For the apostles this takes the form of the religious councils threatening them with physical violence and imprisonment - however they saw this as confirmation that they were on the right track.
- Key point 2. **Praying for boldness often releases God's miracles (Acts 4:29 & 5:19)**
 - We see this in the miracle that caused their arrest, the supernatural shaking of the room and the angelic escape from prison.
- Key point 3. **Boldness brings adventure to the Christian life, but we need to step out (Acts 4:29 & 5:20-21)**
 - We see the following cycle throughout Acts: believers being filled with the Spirit and praying for boldness; then stepping out and then facing opposition; and then coming back to prayer, and the cycle of adventure continues.

Questions:

Conversation Starter

1. Do you think of yourself as a 'bold' person?

Start thinking

2. Why do you think the disciples pray for boldness in Acts 4:29? Does this surprise you? What would you do?

Start sharing

3. Think of a time where you have been bold - how did it go? What did you learn from it?

Start praying

4. Heavenly Father, would you help us to be bolder in how we live for you, give us the opportunity to be bold and may we see you at work through us. Thank you, Amen.

Start doing

5. Spend time praying for boldness and think of *one* place or time in your week where you would like to be bolder. Ask God for boldness and the opportunity to be bold for him. Try committing to stepping out and doing one 'bold' thing a day for 7 days.