UNSTOPPABLE

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Message Notes

Acts 4:8–13 (NLT) — 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of our people, 9 are we being questioned today because we’ve done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? 10 Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. 11 For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, ‘The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.’ 12 There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.” 13 The members of the council were amazed **when they saw the boldness** of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as **men who had been with Jesus.**

Acts 4:18–20 (NLT) — 18 So they called the apostles back in and commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. 19 **But Peter and John replied, “Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? 20 We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.**”

1. **BOLD in B-elief**
    1. Everyone preaches, the question is what are you preaching about?
    2. You’ll never be BOLD about something in which you’re not convinced.
    3. The early believers
        1. Convinced in the RESURRECTION - They saw him rise
        2. Convinced in the second COMING - They believed him to come again
        3. Convinced in the GOSPEL - The power of His name
        4. Convinced in ETERNITY - Convinced that hell and heaven were real
    4. What are you convinced of? - You’ll preach whatever you believe
    5. Your boldness will come to you when you believe
    6. Apostles Creed
2. **BOLD in O-pportunity**
    1. Acts 3:4–6 (NLT) — 4 Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, “Look at us!” 5 The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. 6 But Peter said, “I don’t have any silver or gold for you. **But I’ll give you what I have.** In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!”
    2. Acts 3:12 (NLT) — 12 **Peter saw his opportunity** and addressed the crowd. “People of Israel,” he said, “what is so surprising about this? And why stare at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power or godliness?
    3. God is always working, softening hearts.
    4. Three questions to ask

        1. Where is the pain?
        2. Where is the openness?
        3. Where is the Holy Spirit moving and prompting?
    5. Assert, step out, jump in there, when the door is open.
    6. Nvidia trading
    7. Russia Revival in the 90s
    8. Behind every person you interact with, there is an opportunity to share your faith
3. **BOLD in L-oyalty**
    1. Human nature to avoid friction. We want life to flow smoothly.
    2. Peter missed his opportunity to stand for Christ. I'm sure he made a promise that he would never again shy away from what he believed.
    3. Places many people shy away from their witness
        1. At school - Dad's testimony about his Bible on his desk
        2. At work - Prayed with someone last week that was told explicitly not to mention her faith or else be fired.
        3. If seen as uncool
        4. If seen as undignified
        5. If seen as dangerous
    4. Our ease of standing for faith is so different than other parts in the world where conversion comes at the cost of complete disowning, disallowance, danger
        1. Christian from Sweden losing his entire heritage
        2. Woman losing her children
4. **BOLD D-eclaration**
    1. We MUST declare
    2. Some of have no issue opening our mouths about all kinds of things
        1. Baseball games
        2. Politics
        3. Complaining about something at work
    3. Open your mouth
        1. Declare your testimony - It's a gift!
        2. Declare the name of Jesus
        3. Declare the gospel

Closing

- Where does boldness come from
    - Being with Jesus
    - The Holy Spirit
    - Becoming truly converted

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

On the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.