

Series: Resilient
Text: Acts 4:5–31

1. **When you hear the word “boldness,” what picture comes to mind for you? Why do you think that is?**
2. *Peter and John are essentially “on trial” for doing good (healing a man).*
What does that teach us about how following Jesus can sometimes bring opposition even when you are doing the right thing?
3. *The leaders ask, “By what power or in what name have you done this?”*
Why do you think they cared so much about power and authority?

Follow-up (if discussion needs further context)

- a. *Where do you see people today trying to control who has “permission” to speak about God?*
- b. *Where are you tempted to stay quiet because you feel like you do not have “enough authority” or “enough knowledge”?*
4. *Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, turns the moment around and points straight to Jesus, including the resurrection.*
What is the difference between boldness that is “just personality” and boldness that is “Holy Spirit courage”?
5. Peter says, “There is salvation in no one else.”
Why is this claim so offensive to many people, and why is it also deeply loving and hopeful?

Follow-up (if discussion needs further context)

- a. The sermon used the “one cure” illustration. How does that change the way you think about Jesus being the only way?
6. *The leaders notice Peter and John are “uneducated and untrained,” yet they recognize they had been with Jesus.*
What are signs that someone has genuinely been with Jesus?
7. When threatened, Peter and John do not respond with rage or revenge. They stay respectful, but they do not back down.
What does it look like to be clear without being cruel when you are opposed?

Follow-up (if discussion needs further context)

- a. Where are you tempted to respond in an “ungodly boldness” (defensive, harsh, winning arguments)?
 - b. What would it look like for your boldness to “look like Jesus”?
8. *After being released, the believers do two things: they go to their people and they pray.*
Why do you think fellowship and prayer were their first instincts, not strategy or retaliation?
9. *In prayer they say, “Consider their threats,” but they do not ask God to remove the threat. They ask for boldness.*
What does that reveal about their priorities and their view of God? If you are honest, when life gets hard, do you pray more for comfort or courage? Why?