

Selfless

Bold In Witness (Week 1)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

Belief in, and an experience with Jesus, transforms us into bold fanatics.

Key Scriptures

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:18-19

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. Acts 4:1-3

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to a count today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." Acts 4:8-12

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 4:12-13

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Acts 4:29

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:23

I am the way the truth and the life. No one come to the Father except through me. John 14:6

Boldly share the gospel...there is no plan B. – Tony Evans

Start talking.

- What is the difference between a simple fan and a bold fanatic?
- What things are you a fanatic about?

Start thinking.

- Read Matthew 4:18-19. How will Peter and Andrew become "fishers of men"?
- What are examples (from scripture and your own life) of simple faith becoming a bold witness?
- Read the Acts passages. Where/how did Peter get the words to speak? How does that fulfill promises from Jesus?
- Define evangelism. Is it a gift for some or a calling for all? Explain.

Start sharing.

- What prevents you from sharing your faith?
- Why does evangelism matter?

Start doing.

- Pastor Joel mentioned we need to: Spend time with Jesus, Ask Jesus to make us bold, and Go Big. What is one tangible step you can take toward each this week?

Closing prayer.

Jesus, I praise you for you are so good and kind. You have loved me with an unending love. Help me to desire more and more of you in my daily life. Lord pour your Spirit in me that I might be bold. Bold in my love of others, bold in my compassion for those that are drowning, bold in sharing how you have transformed my life. Give me the courage to step out in faith and declare with confidence and boldness your goodness, grace, and love for others.