

Dangerous Prayers - Week 3 - FILL ME (Make me bold)

Key Scriptures

"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." Acts 4:10 NLT

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. ... Acts 4:13 NLT

"And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness. Acts 4:29-31 NLT

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere ..." Acts 1:8 NLT

They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But an angel of the Lord came at night, opened the gates of the jail, and brought them out. Then he told them, "Go to the Temple and give the people this message of life!" So at daybreak the apostles entered the Temple, as they were told, and immediately began teaching. ... Acts 5:18-21 NLT

"We gave you strict orders never again to teach in this man's name!" he said. "Instead, you have filled all Jerusalem with your teaching about him, and you want to make us responsible for his death!" But Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than any human authority." Acts 5:28-29 NLT

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- How comfortable are you with prayer?
- What does it mean to have bold faith?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read Acts 4:1-31. On a scale of 1 to 10, how amazed are people by your boldness?
- How would living more boldly change your life?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Talk about a recent time when you had an opportunity to share your faith or were bold for Jesus.
- Think about the people you interact with. What opportunities do you have to be bold in your faith this coming week?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thanks to You, we don't have to live a life of fear. You give us the boldness to overcome any obstacle that comes our way. Help us to trust You no matter how difficult life seems and to step forward in obedience, knowing You'll always be with us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- How is God calling you to live boldly? Consider this question this week, and then commit to pursuing whatever God sets in front of you.
- Are you tired of playing it safe with your faith? Then check out the *Dangerous Prayers* Bible Plan at: www.go2.lc/dangerousprayers