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## **In Your Presence**

**Do you want to be a bold and courageous witness for me? Do you want me to use you to do extraordinary ministry to others? Do you want to bear an abundance of fruit for my kingdom and bring glory to my name?** Yes, I want to be a bold and courageous witness for you. Yes, I want you to use me to do extraordinary ministry to others. Yes, I want to bear an abundance of fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. These are all prayers and desires of my heart. **Do you believe that I have both given and will grant these desires and prayers of your heart?** Yes, I do believe that you have given and will grant these desires and prayers of my heart. **You are right to believe that I will hear and answer these prayers and desires of your heart.**

**Under what conditions do you think I will grant these prayers and desires of your heart?** I'm not sure what you mean. **What will be required of you for me to be able to grant these prayers and desires of your heart?** You expect me to be able to answer that question? **Yes, I do. Would you like some help?** Yes, I need all the help that you will give to me. **I will ask you some more questions.** That will help me? **Yes, it will. Have you always been a bold and courageous witness for me?** No, I have at many times been a weak and feeble witness for you. **Have you regularly been extraordinarily used by me to minister to others?** No, I have seldom been extraordinarily used by you to minister to others. **Have you born an abundance of fruit for my kingdom and brought glory to my name?** I have born some fruit and brought some glory to your name. **I can see that my questions are a little discouraging to you.** Yes, I would like to answer your questions more positively. I would like to be bold, courageous and more fruitful for you. I would like to bring glory to your name. **Yes, I can see that. What has been the problem? Why haven't you been more bold and courageous and fruitful for me?** I have been relying on my own power and strength. I have not been relying on you to make me bold, courageous and fruitful. **What would your life look like if you were to rely on me to make you bold, courageous and fruitful?** I would come to you. I would spend time with you. I would remain in your presence. I would allow you to teach me. I would allow you to empower me to do the ministry that you have given me to do for you. **Yes, you would. Is that what you will now do?** Yes Lord, I will. Teach, train and empower me to be your witness and minister to others as I remain in your presence. Help me to bear an abundance of fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. **Yes, I will.**

*Lord, I have tried to be your witness and minister with my own power and strength. What a weak and feeble effort that has been. Only you can make me bold and courageous. Only you can do extraordinary ministry to others through me. Use me for your glory. Amen*

**Knowing God** *Saw The Courage*

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

NIV Acts 4:13

**Knowing God** *Saw The Boldness*

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

ESV Acts 4:13

**Knowing God** *Saw The Boldness*

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.

NLT Acts 4:13

**Knowing God** *Saw The Boldness*

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

NKJV Acts 4:13

**Knowing God** *Saw The Boldness*

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.

NRSV Acts 4:13

**Knowing God** *Standing There So Confident*

They couldn't take their eyes off them—Peter and John standing there so confident, so sure of themselves! Their fascination deepened when they realized these two were laymen with no training in Scripture or formal education. They recognized them as companions of Jesus,

MSG Acts 4:13

**Knowing God** *Saw The Boldness*

Now when they saw the boldness and unfettered eloquence of Peter and John and perceived that they were unlearned and untrained in the schools [common men with no educational advantages], they marveled; and they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

AMP Acts 4:13

**Knowing God** *Saw The Boldness*

When the Council saw the boldness of Peter and John and could see that they were obviously uneducated non-professionals, they were amazed and realized what being with Jesus had done for them!

TLB Acts 4:13

**Knowing God** *Observed The Confidence*

Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.

NASB Acts 4:13

**Knowing God** *Not Afraid*

The Jewish leaders saw that Peter and John were not afraid to speak, and they understood that these men had no special training or education. So they were amazed. Then they realized that Peter and John had been with Jesus.

NCV Acts 4:13

# Saw The Boldness

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Knowing God** – Acts 4:13

**In Context:** *Read Acts 4*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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**What It Means:**

***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When are you meeting with Jesus Christ so that He can teach you what He wants you to know?

How have you come to know Jesus Christ better as you have been meeting with Him?

**What has Jesus Christ been teaching you as you have been spending time with Him?**

**How has meeting with Jesus Christ given you courage and boldness as a witness for Him?**

How has meeting with Jesus Christ helped you to better understand the ministry He has given you to do for Him?

**How has Jesus Christ used you as a powerful witness and done extraordinary ministry through you?**

When have others been astonished at how the Lord has used you as His minister and witness in the world?

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**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Spend time with Jesus Christ so that He can make you a bold witness and extraordinary minister for Him.

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**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that you will become a powerful witness and extraordinary minister as you spend time with Jesus Christ.

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**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are growing bolder as a witness and minister for Jesus Christ.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May the time you spend with Jesus Christ make you into a bold witness for Him as you minister to others.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will spend time with you so you can make me into a bold witness for you as I minister to others.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how do you want to make me into a bold witness for you as I minister to others?*

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