

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." Acts 4:29-30 (NIV)

Great Boldness

Well, I don't think that exists within me. It certainly does not come naturally to me. **What does not exist within you? What does not come naturally to you?** I don't have great boldness within me. **No, you do not have great boldness within you. No, great boldness does not come naturally to you. But that should not discourage you.** Why is that? **It is a very good thing that you know without a doubt that you do not have great boldness within you.** Why is that? **What have you done when you have faced a significant threat?** I have done three different things when I have faced a significant. Sometimes, I have foolishly tried to face a significant threat with my own power and strength. **How has that worked out for you?** Those efforts could best be described as timid and feeble and highly unsuccessful. **That's not good.** No, it's not. But my second response to significant threats has been even worse and if possible, even less successful. **What has been that response?** I have avoided significant threats at all costs. I have run away from significant threats as I have seen them approaching. **How do you feel about that approach to significant threats?** Nothing could be more defeating or discouraging or depressing. **Why is that?** You did not create me to be timid or run away from significant threats. You did not design me to wilt under pressure. **No, I did not.**

You mentioned that you have had a third response to significant threats. Yes, I did. **Surely that response must be better than the first two that you have mentioned.** My third response to significant threats is far better. **Tell me about that response.** My third and only successful response to significant threats is to call out to you and ask for your help. You have helped me to think and speak and act boldly when I have relied on you. You have filled me with your Spirit. You have given me your power. You have enabled me to think and speak and act with courage. You have helped me to do what I could have done by myself. You have helped me to overcome significant threats in life. You have made me able to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name in the face of significant threats. To you belongs all the honor and glory. To you belongs all the thanks and praise. **Will you continue to ask for my help? Will you continue to rely on me?** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, on my own, with my own power, I will only speak and act timidly in the face of significant threats. That is not your will and plan for my life, of that I am sure. Empower me to speak and act boldly in the face of significant threats, so I can bear fruit for you. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *With Great Boldness*

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NIV Acts 4:29-30

Becoming Like Christ *Great Boldness*

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."

NLT Acts 4:29-30

Becoming Like Christ *With All Boldness*

And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

NRSV Acts 4:29-30

Becoming Like Christ *Fearlessly*

And now, Lord, observe their threats and grant to Your bond servants [full freedom] to declare Your message fearlessly, While You stretch out Your hand to cure and to perform signs and wonders through the authority and by the power of the name of Your holy Child and Servant Jesus.

AMP Acts 4:29-30

Becoming Like Christ *With All Confidence*

"And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."

NASB Acts 4:29-30

Becoming Like Christ *With All Boldness*

And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

ESV Acts 4:29-30

Becoming Like Christ *With All Boldness*

Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

NKJV Acts 4:29-30

Becoming Like Christ *Fearless Confidence*

"And now they're at it again! Take care of their threats and give your servants fearless confidence in preaching your Message, as you stretch out your hand to us in healings and miracles and wonders done in the name of your holy servant Jesus."

MSG Acts 4:29-30

Becoming Like Christ *Great Boldness*

And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and grant to your servants great boldness in their preaching, and send your healing power, and may miracles and wonders be done by the name of your holy servant Jesus."

TLB Acts 4:29-30

Becoming Like Christ *Without Fear*

And now, Lord, listen to their threats. Lord, help us, your servants, to speak your word without fear. Help us to be brave by showing us your power to heal. Give proofs and make miracles happen by the power of Jesus, your holy servant."

NCV Acts 4:29-30

With Great Boldness

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – Acts 4:29-30

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 have you faced a significant threat that required you to speak and act boldly?

Why will your own power and strength be insufficient to face significant threats in life?

When have you foolishly tried to face a significant threat with only your own power and strength?

When have you asked the Lord for great boldness in the face of significant threats?

Why is it never the Lord's will for you to speak and act timidly in the face of significant threats?

How has the Lord empowered you to speak and act boldly in the face of significant threats?

How has your being empowered by the Lord allowed you to be a fruitful witness for Him?

Living It Out:

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

Allow the Lord to empower you to speak and act boldly in the face of significant threats.

Seeing It Happen:

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

Have faith that the Lord will empower you to speak and act boldly in the face of significant threats.

Get Ready To Share:

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

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has empowered you as a bold witness for Him.

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?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

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

May you rely on the Lord to help you to live life with great boldness.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will rely on you to help me to live life with great boldness.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will you help me to live life with great boldness today?
