

WE SPEAK **BOLDLY** ABOUT WHAT WE BELIEVE **DEEPLY**

So Saul...moved about freely in Jerusalem, **speaking boldly** in the name of the Lord.
(Acts 9:28)

So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, **speaking boldly** for the Lord...
(Acts 14:3)

...And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and **spoke the word of God boldly**.
(Acts 4:31)

Speaking **Boldly**

"What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everybody living in Jerusalem knows they have done an outstanding miracle, and **we cannot deny it**.¹⁷ But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn these men **to speak** no longer to anyone in this name."¹⁸ Then they called them in again and commanded them not to **speak** or teach at all **in the name of Jesus**.¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God."²⁰ For we **cannot help speaking** about what we have **seen and heard**."
(Acts 4:16-20)

BECAUSE I BELIEVE SO **DEEPLY**.....

- **I CAN'T HELP BUT SPEAK BOLDLY TO MYSELF.**
*And David was greatly distressed; for the people spoke of stoning him...but David **encouraged himself in the Lord** his God.*
(1 Samuel 30:6 KJV)
- **I CAN'T HELP BUT ENCOURAGE YOU.**
*But **encourage one another daily**, as long as it is called Today...*
(Hebrews 3:13)
- **I CAN'T HELP BUT LOVINGLY CORRECT YOU.**
*Wounds from a friend can be **trusted**, but an enemy multiplies kisses.*
(Proverbs 27:6)
- **I CAN'T HELP BUT LEAD YOU TOWARD CHRIST.**
*For we **cannot help speaking** about what we have **seen and heard**.*
(Acts 4:20)

Talk and Think it Through

Talking and thinking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps.

- What's one of the most profound things that someone has ever said to you? How did their bold words impact you?

With your Bible read Acts 9:28, 14:3, and 4:1-31

These verses give examples of how bold speaking was used by the first church in the Book of Acts.

- We speak boldly about what we believe.
How have you seen your speech reflect what you believe?
- Who are some people you know that speak boldly?
How have you seen their bold words impact others?
- What things stand out to you about bold speaking from the examples found in Acts?
- What next steps do you need to take to work towards having the type of bold speaking the first church used in Acts?

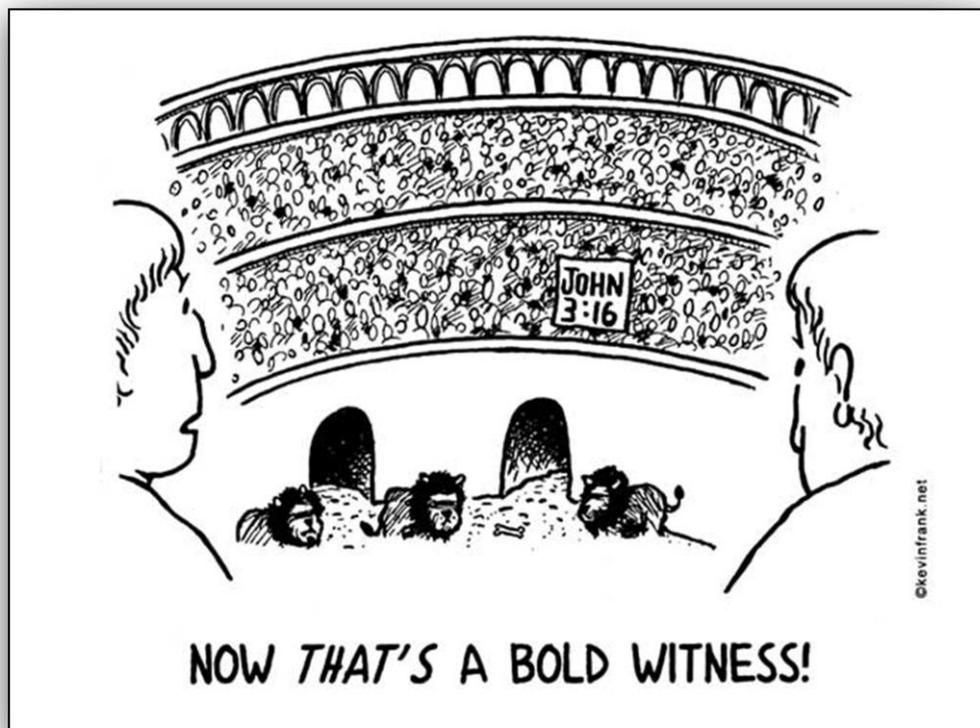


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Read 1 Samuel 30:6, Hebrews 3:13, and Proverbs 27:6

These verses show us ways we can become bold speakers to both others and ourselves.

- What bold words do you need to start speaking to yourself starting today?
- Who do you know that needs to hear bold words of correction or encouragement from you this week?
How will you go about speaking boldly to them?
- How have the bold words of others brought encouragement and correction into your life?
- Who do you know that needs to know Christ? What bold words can you speak that will lead them towards Christ?

5-Day Micro Devotional:

- Thank God for the bold speech that others have spoken into your life.
- Ask God to help develop you into a bold speaker in all areas of life.
- Ask God to give you bold words as you speak to those that need correction or encouragement in their lives.
- Tell God about your toughest struggles in life and your struggles with sin. Ask Him to give you the power to speak bold words to yourself.
- Pray for those you know that don't know Christ. Ask God to give you the bold words that help you lead them to Christ.

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