

What You Are Missing by Staying Quiet  
A Church That Pleases God – Part 3  
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You are bold about something.  
What are you bold about?  
Are you bold about your faith in Jesus?

**Matthew 10:32-33 (NIV)** *“Whoever acknowledges Me before others, I will also acknowledge before My Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns Me before others, I will disown before My Father in heaven.”*

**Mark 8:38 (NIV)** *“If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when He comes in His Father’s glory with the holy angels.”*

**Acts 1:** God promises to send the Holy Spirit in power, unleashing an unshakable **boldness** to spread the Gospel of Jesus.

**Acts 2:** The Holy Spirit unites believers into a Church **boldly** devoted to God’s Word, God’s people, and God’s mission.

**Acts 4:** Under threats, the Church prays for **boldness**; God fills them with power and releases radical generosity.

**Acts 5:** Believers choose obedience over safety; the disciples preach Christ **boldly** in the face of suffering and persecution.

**Acts 17:** Paul **boldly** preaches Jesus in hostile cultures, reasoning publicly without compromising the Gospel.

**Acts 28:** Even in chains, Paul proclaims the Gospel with **boldness** and without hindrance.

**Boldness is not what the church does when it feels strong.  
Boldness is what the church does when it knows Jesus.**

**Acts 4:13a (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.”*

How bold are you about your faith?

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**Boldness is not a personality trait.  
It is the overflow of a real relationship with God.**

**ἰδιῶται - idiotai**  
ordinary, untrained with no credentials, no religious status,  
and outside of the traditional system

**God uses ordinary people.**

**Acts 4:13b (NLT)** *“They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.”*

**Acts 4:13b (NIV)** *“They were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.”*

**More Time With Jesus**  
**Boldness Increases**  
**Spiritual Impact Intensifies**  
**Spiritual Hunger Grows**

**Less Time With Jesus**  
**Boldness Decreases**  
**Spiritual Impact Diminishes**  
**Drift From Jesus**

**The key is time in God’s presence.**

**Acts 4:29 (NLT)** *“And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, Your servants, great boldness in preaching Your Word.”*

**A church that pleases God does not ask God to make life easier.  
We ask God to make us bolder.**

**Acts 4:29-31 (NLT)** *“And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, Your servants, great boldness in preaching Your Word. <sup>30</sup> Stretch out Your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.’ <sup>31</sup> 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.”*

**Boldness almost always triggers spiritual opposition.**

**Acts 5:18 (NIV)** *“They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.”*

**Acts 5:19 (NIV)** *“But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.”*

**Acts 5:20-21 (NIV)** *“Go, stand in the temple courts,’ he said, ‘and tell the people all about this new life.’ <sup>21</sup> At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.”*

**Is your faith strong enough to believe in Jesus  
but too timid to be bold for Him?**

**Boldness is not a personality trait;  
It is a reflection of time with Jesus.**

**2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)** *“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”*