

LESSON 3
SPEAK UP!
ACTS 3:1—4:31



1 What were some of your childhood fears?

2 How did you get over those fears?



Read Acts 3:1—4:31 and the following notes:

☐ 3:5, 6 ☐ 3:6 ☐ 3:11ff ☐ 3:13–15 ☐ 4:2, 3 ☐ 4:3 ☐ 4:7 ☐ 4:13
☐ 4:20 ☐ 4:29–31

3 What did Peter and John say to the lame man (3:4–6)?

4 What was Peter and John's response to the Sanhedrin (4:8–20)?

5 What happened after the believers prayed (4:31)?

6 What opposition did the people of the early church experience? How did they respond?



7 What opposition have Christians you know experienced?

When Jesus was taken prisoner in the garden, the disciples fled in fear at the first sign of opposition. But here, just a short time later, they declared their allegiance to Christ at every opportunity, regardless of the consequences. When they were threatened, they prayed for even more boldness. Today, unfortunately, we often cringe or compromise when challenged or criticized. Instead of boldly proclaiming the truth, we blend into the culture. How might the church today be more bold in telling others about Christ?

8 Besides standing up and preaching, what are some other ways we can be bold for Christ?

9 How have your friends, neighbors, and coworkers reacted to your Christian faith?



10 Recall a time when you were bold about your faith and the results surprised you. What happened?

11 When were you afraid to speak up for Christ?

12 What opportunities to share or demonstrate your faith has God given you lately?

13 What can Christians do to become more outspoken for Christ?

14 Which of the possible actions listed in question 13 would you like to take at this time?

15 List one or two of your friends who need to know Christ. When will you tell them about Jesus?



A By whose authority did the disciples heal and preach (3:6; 4:7–12)? How do we invoke the same authority?

B In his sermon (3:12–26), what did Peter tell the people to do? What sins do you need to turn from and confess to God?

C What was God's promise to Abraham (3:25)? What has God promised you? What does it mean to you that God keeps his promises?

D What evidence of unity in the church do you see in this section (3:1—4:31)? How unified is your church? What can you do to bring unity to your church?

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