

# UNSTOPPABLE

ACTS: THE MISSION OF JESUS THROUGH HIS CHURCH

## UNSTOPPABLE Boldness - Pastor Kiersten Berthaudin

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Text: Acts 3-4

**What do you do when following Jesus makes life uncomfortable? In this message from our Unstoppable Church series, we walk through Acts chapters 3 and 4 and see how Peter and John responded when they faced opposition for preaching the name of Jesus. After healing a man who had been lame from birth, they were arrested and commanded to stop speaking about Christ. Instead of retreating, the early church gathered to pray — not for comfort, but for boldness.**

In Acts chapters 3 and 4, Peter and John encounter a man who has been lame from birth and, through the power of Jesus, heal him. This miracle becomes an opportunity to preach the gospel publicly. As a result, they face opposition from religious leaders, are arrested, and commanded to stop speaking in the name of Jesus.

Instead of backing down, the believers gather together and pray — not for safety or comfort, but for boldness to continue sharing what they have seen and heard. God answers their prayer by filling them again with the Holy Spirit, and they go out preaching with even greater courage.

This passage teaches us three key truths:

1. There will always be opposition when we follow Jesus.
2. Opposition sharpens our witness and can be a sign that God is moving.
3. Our response matters — prayer and dependence on the Holy Spirit lead to boldness, not fear.
  - Our first response needs to be prayer.
  - Our prayers need to be for boldness.
  - We need a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit.

As followers of Jesus today, we are called not to choose comfort, but obedience — trusting the Holy Spirit to give us the boldness to live and speak for Christ in every circumstance.



# Life Group Discussion

## Warm-Up:

Choose one of the following questions to start your time together.

- What is something that makes you uncomfortable (public speaking, conflict, meeting new people, etc.)?
- Share a time you had to be brave even though you were nervous.
- On a scale of 1–10, how comfortable are you talking about your faith with others?

## Study & Discussion:

### Read Acts 4:16-31

1) What does Acts 4:13 tell us about who Peter and John were and why their boldness was so surprising?

2) The sermon says, “There will always be opposition.” Where do you see opposition to faith today (school, work, family, culture, etc.)?

3) Why do you think comfort is often more appealing to us than obedience?

4) Instead of praying for their circumstances to change, the disciples prayed for boldness. Why do you think that matters?

5) How does knowing that boldness comes from the Holy Spirit (not ourselves) change the way you think about sharing your faith?

6) What would boldness look like for you this week — a conversation, an action, or a step of obedience?

## Prayer:

