Being Bold for Christ
Acts 4:1-31

Main Point:
Even though you may be opposed by others, you must remain faithful to Jesus as His witness; therefore, pray for God to embolden you by His Holy Spirit.

1. There will always be those who oppose the gospel of Jesus Christ.

2. But you must not let it keep you from being faithful to your Savior as His witness.

3. This is especially true when you experience pressure from your opponents.

4. Therefore, you need to pray for God to embolden you by His Holy Spirit.

Cross-References and Quotations

Dennis Johnson "The gospel of Christ always evokes sharply contrasting responses."

2 Corinthians 2:15-16 15 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. 16 To the one *we are* the aroma of death *leading* to death, and to the other the aroma of life *leading* to life … (NKJV)

Dennis Johnson "With one sentence Christ's apostle sweeps away the sophisticated follies of post-modern relativism and religious pluralism. There are not many paths to salvation; there is one, and his name is Jesus."

John 14:6 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (NKJV)

Derek Thomas "Faithful gospel ministry *demands* such courage."

Dennis Johnson "The only solution that they could think of to contain this 'infection' was raw power and intimidation …"

Derek Thomas "When civil or religious authorities forbid what God requires or require what God forbids, some form of civil disobedience, with acceptance of penal consequences, becomes inescapable."

Dennis Johnson "Such boldness is not a natural human trait. Nor is it the product of will power or self-directed 'pep talks.' Rather, it is the gift of the risen Lord through his Spirit's transforming power, in response to his people's prayers …"