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Acts 19:8-10

Bold Reasoning in Public Forums

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Synagogue Preaching in Ephesus

Acts 19:8 (NASB)
And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out **boldly** for three months, reasoning and persuading them about the **kingdom of God**.

- This picks up previous themes: synagogue ministry, boldness, reasoning
- The kingdom (see Acts 1:1-8; 8:12; 14:22; 20:25; 28:23; 28:31) plus this passage

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Review: Synagogue Reasoning

Acts 17:2, 3 (NASB)
And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths **reasoned with them from the Scriptures**, explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ."

- This was the synagogue in Thessalonica (vs 1)
- There, some were persuaded (see vs 4)
- Some were hostile (vss 5-8)

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Some Are Hardened, Some Learn

Acts 19:9 (NASB)
But when some were becoming **hardened and disobedient**, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, **reasoning** daily in the school of Tyrannus.

- Those who reject the truth are hardened
- Some become disciples and learn and grow
- "The Way" is first mentioned in Acts 9:2
- "Reasoning" is *dialogomai* used 10X in Acts starting in 17:2 (of 13 total in NT)

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Review: Public Debate

Acts 17:17, 18 (NASB)
So he was **reasoning in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles**, and **in the market place every day with those who happened to be present**. And also some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers were conversing with him. Some were saying, "What would this idle babbler wish to say?" Others, "He seems to be a proclaimer of strange deities,"—because **he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection**.

- "Reasoning" is the same word (here in Athens)

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Extended Ministry in Ephesus

Acts 19:10 (NASB)
This took place for **two years**, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

- Luke refers to the Roman province of Asia
- Ephesus is first mentioned in Acts 18:19 and is also found in chapters 19 and 20
- Ephesians, 1 Corinthians, 1 & 2 Timothy, and Revelation all mention Ephesus

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