

Acts 4:13-37

INTRODUCTION: - Peter's message – **4:12**

4:13 – “*boldness*” – Paul's example – 1 Thessalonians 2:2 (NLT).

- “*Boldness*” gets things done!

- People want to see a FIRE ... PASSION – **3:8-10**

- **LOOK AT** ... their PRAYER – **4:29** ... the RESULTS – **4:31**

- Peter had lots of “*boldness*” – 2 Timothy 1:7

- “*boldness*” is “*courage*” ... facing your fears ... making you put your faith in God – 1 John 4:4 ... **Acts 4:33**

- “*realized they had been with Jesus*” – **1 Corinthians 1:21, 25-29**

- God delights in “*nobodies*”!

4:14 – Proof was right in front of them.

4:15-16 – Proof of the inspiration of the Scriptures.

4:17-18 – Their minds were closed to the TRUTH.

- “*speak to no man in this name*” – INTIMIDATION!

- Peter was DIFFERENT – John 18:25

4:19-20 – God has the highest authority ... He is to be priority #1 in our lives – Matthew 6:33

4:20 – “*cannot but speak*” – This was a COMMAND – **1:8**

- They couldn't keep Jesus to themselves – **5:42**,

Jeremiah 20:9 (NLT)

4:21 – see **4:4** – The majority was behind them.

4:23-24 – Their REACTION to the threats.

4:29-30 – Their PRAYER for more boldness.

4:31,33 – The RESULT of their prayers.

4:31 – A proof of the presence of God – Isaiah 29:6 (HCSB) – Matthew 27:54

CONCLUSION:

- Jesus can be crucified, but not contained ... He is to be proclaimed.

- If Jesus is your “*Lord*”, people will see that “*you've been with Jesus*”.

- This is to be our testimony, our desire.