

Get Boldness. Share Faith!

Acts 4:23-31 - The Believers Pray for Boldness.

²³ When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

"Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed'—

²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and **grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,** ³⁰ **while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.**" ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, **and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.**

The GR word for *boldness* means free speech in the face of intimidation.

Have you ever prayed like this? Has the church ever prayed like this?

I'm still working on the "healing, signs and wonders performed in the name of Jesus" to confirm the gospel message. I have a friend who sees this happen in India while preaching the gospel to Hindus. There is a lot of demon worship in India and the power of the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential to demonstrate that Christ is alive and has power to save.

Persecuted Christians pray like this. *(Tell the story of the VoM worker on a plane to Xinjiang province. The Chinese believers sit in separate middle seats to witness to the passengers on both sides by asking, "Do you know Jesus Christ?")*

Friendship evangelism is the way this church will grow.

This is a tool to help you with your friendship evangelism. It also works with strangers.

Show the *truelife* intro video.

Share my *truelife* card testimonies. Say, “I don’t challenge you to do something and then not do it myself. I am your example. Whatever you want others to do, then do it yourself. I will share what I’ve done every week.”

Ask for a volunteer for a roleplay passing out a *truelife* card.

My challenge is hand out at least 2 cards this week.

Pass out the cards in the offering plate.

What I say: “Just want you to know, God/Jesus loves you. Check out the website. It has videos answers to life’s hard questions.”

1. Even if nobody I hand out a card to comes to church it is more important for other reasons.
2. Sowing seed and allowing the HS to use it – Parable of the Sower.
3. Overcome my selfishness (self-consciousness) and fear to care about other people. I look at people as made in the image of God with eternal destinies.
4. Makes me more aware of the HS’s voice or prompting. HS leads me to give the card to someone prepared to receive it. Consider giving someone a card as a divine encounter.
5. After handing someone a card I **pray** for that person. I pray for the HS to work through the card and the word “God loves you.”

Motive to pass out cards: **What would your life be like without Jesus Christ?**

Think about those people who don’t know God’s love in Christ. May this be your strongest motivation to pass out cards and say, “Jesus loves you.”

Hold the cards and PRAY for everyone. “I ask for the HS to give you divinely arranged encounters.”