

MAKE ME

Make Me Bold

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Most of us know we should pray more and with more faith...but we don't. Why? Our prayers are too safe. If we started to pray, "God, make me bold," like those in the early church did, anything could happen.

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Our prayers are often too safe. For those in the early church, that wasn't the case.
 - The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. | Acts 4:13
 - And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. | Acts 4:29
 - How amazed are people by your boldness?
 - Do the people who are around you know and see that you're a follower of Jesus?
 - What would happen if we began to pray, "God, make me bold"?
 - Boldness often brings spiritual opposition.
 - Boldness often precedes miracles.
 - You never know what God might do as the result of a single act of boldness.
 - Boldness always requires faith.
 - This world will soon pass, and only what was done for Christ will last.
 - Every day this week, begin to pray, "God, make me bold."
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever felt like you weren't smart or qualified enough for God to do amazing things through you? How does knowing the early church was full of ordinary people inform your perspective on what God can do with you?
2. How "bold" are you in your faith?
3. What fears or concerns do you have about the opposition you might face if you were bolder in your faith?
4. What good can come from you growing in faith and boldness?