**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. May 28, 2017**

**Proclaiming The Gospel With Boldness**

ACTS 4:1-31

**Key truth:** The Holy Spirit has empowered the church to be a bold witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Fear of sharing your faith is not from God. 2 Timothy 1:6-7

**The Holy Spirit In the life of Peter:**

1. Bold proclamation is a necessity if we want to see

 people saved.

 A. The proclamation of the gospel is the means God

 has chosen for people to receive salvation.

 B. The message never changes but methods vary.

2. Bold witnessing is a necessity in the face of

 adversity.

 A. We should expect hostility from an unbelieving

 world.

 1. Jesus Christ provides the only firm foundation

 for our lives.

 2. Jesus is the source of all true healing.

 3. Jesus Christ is the only source of salvation.

**The Holy Spirit In the life of the Church:**

1. If we are ever going to see God work in our lifetime it will be

 because we dared to believe God to do the impossible.

 A. Prayer is a necessity.

 1. Their prayers were not self-centered but

 mission-centered.

 2. Their prayers were rooted in the Word of God.

 3. Their prayers were united in the power of God and Him

 being glorified.

**Taking It Beyond the Walls:** Determine to share your faith in a way that will require you to depend on the Holy Spirit’s power. Trust Him to empower you as He promised.

**Connection Group Study Questions**

For the Week of May 28, 2017

Looking back at your notes from this weekend’s message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Why are the religious leaders so threatened by the apostles’ preaching?

2. How would you respond to the question, “How
can you say Jesus is the only way to God? What about other religions, or those who haven’t heard of Christ?”

3. What is the key to experiencing boldness and effectiveness in talking about Jesus?

4. The religious leaders couldn’t refute that a miracle had occurred. What is the evidence of the life- changing power of Jesus in your life? What steps of faith have you taken that would astonish those around you?

5. Peter and John refused to stop talking about Jesus either after being threatened. How closely does that parallel your own desire to talk about Jesus?

What does that tell you about what you really believe about Jesus? What does it suggest to you about the reality of the Holy Spirit’s power in your life?