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Christian Resistance

Acts 4:13-22

I. You Can't Argue Against a Changed Life (vv. 13-14)

- A. Peter and John had an unwavering _____ (v. 13)
[Acts 4:8-10; Matt. 7:28-29; Jn. 7:15-16, 46]
- B. The man who was healed was an indisputable _____ (v. 14)
[Psa. 19:1; Lk. 21:15; 1 Pet. 3:15]

II. You Can't Deny the Evidence of God's Work (vv. 15-17)

- A. Unbelievers don't want to _____ the facts (vv. 15-16)
[Jn. 3:19; 11:47; Rom. 1:20-23]
- B. Unbelievers don't want the _____ to get out (v. 17)
[Matt. 28:11-15; Acts 5:28, 40]

III. You Can't Contain the Truths of the Gospel (vv. 18-22)

- A. The _____ to muzzle the gospel (v. 18)
[Matt. 10:16-18]
- B. The _____ about who is in charge (vv. 19-20)
[Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-17; Ex. 1:15-17; Dan. 6:4-10]
- C. The _____ about what was going on (vv. 21-22)
[Acts 5:26; Matt. 21:26; Lk. 20:19]

TAKE HOME

- Do you have the **boldness** you need to resist the world? How do you get that boldness?
- How can you help unbelievers face the facts presented in creation and on the **conscience**?
- What do you do when people try to muzzle you and tell you not to talk about Jesus and **controversial** issues that the Bible addresses?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placritachurch.com.

1. Read Acts 4:13. Why did Peter and John have such boldness? How did they get that boldness and how did they demonstrate that boldness? How can you have more courage to stand for Christ and Scripture in your life? (Acts 4:8-10; Matt. 7:28-29; Jn. 7:15-16, 46)

2. Read Acts 4:14. Why didn’t the Sanhedrin have anything to say in opposition? What are some general witnesses that you can point to in creation and in your life which reveal God’s glory? (Psa. 19:1; Lk. 21:15; 1 Pet. 3:15)

3. Read Acts 4:15-16. Why don’t unbelievers want to face the facts about creation and their conscience? What can we do to help? (Jn. 3:19; 11:47; Rom. 1:20-23)

4. Read Acts 4:17. Has anyone every tried to muzzle you from getting the word out? What did you do? (Matt. 28:11-15; Acts 5:28, 40)

5. Read Acts 4:18-20. How do we know when to obey the governing authorities and when not to? Is there any room to disagree about this? (Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-17; Ex. 1:15-17; Dan. 6:4-10)

6. Read Acts 4:21-22. What advantage did Peter and John have going in their favor in these verses? How can we get that advantage back? (Acts 5:26; Matt. 21:26; Lk. 20:19)

7. Read the take home questions. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“I fear the prayers of John Knox more than all the assembled armies of Europe.”

- Mary, Queen of Scots