



Week 3

## Acts 3-4: Boldness

Text: Acts 3-4

### OPEN

This is our third week of our series in Acts called **“Unstoppable”** based on Acts 5:42 which says, “Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, **they never stopped** teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.” Like a powerful waterfall, the book of Acts is the story of the unstoppable movement of Jesus. It is the story of the birth, life, and ministry of his Church that we are part of today as **people of God, filled with the Spirit of God, to fulfill the mission of God, by sharing Jesus with others.** Through this series we will be following the story of birth the Church and how it followed in the footsteps of Jesus’ Spirit-led life and ministry. Like Jesus, his body the Church is Spirit-born, Spirit-filled, to be a Spirit-empowered people, sent to continue in the mission and ministry of Jesus.

### READ

- **Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 and 2 Corinthians 4:1-6.** What do these verses teach us about the message we ought to be boldly proclaiming?
  - What does it mean that the gospel is of “first importance”?
  - Why is that a necessary reminder for us?
- **Read John 13:34-35, Galatians 5:22-24, Ephesians 5:18-21.** How do these verses describe what an undeniably transformed life by Jesus will look like?
- **Read John 9:13-25.** What similarities do you see in Acts 3-4 with this story of the blind man’s life-changing encounter with Jesus?
- **Read Acts 4:23-31.** Why is prayer so important as we boldly engage in God’s mission?

### REFLECT

- What things do you tend to most passionately talk about with others?
- How do we tend to minimize or confuse the gospel message?
  - Why is it so important that the message is clear?
  - When we walk about Jesus with others, how does the posture that we take help or hinder the effectiveness of our mission? When has your posture helped? When has it hindered?
- In Romans 1:16, Paul says, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel.”
  - What has been your own experience with this?
  - What keeps us from unashamedly sharing the good news of Jesus with others?
  - What can we do to help overcome this?
- What is the clearest and most undeniable evidence in your own life of how Jesus has changed you and continues to change you?
- In what ways do you want Jesus to do a deeper work of transformation in you?

### APPLY/PRAY

- How would you summarize the gospel message in 1-3 sentences?
- In Ephesians 6:20, Paul asks for prayer that he would be bold enough to speak about it as he should. Invite the Spirit of God to fill you with a greater level of boldness to share Jesus with others.
- Who in your circles of influence needs to hear about Jesus? Spend time praying for 2-3 people by name and ask God to give you an opportunity to talk about Jesus with them this week.
- Pray for Wellspring’s staff, elders and volunteers to discern where the Spirit is leading in this time of transition. Pray for unity in the body as we wait on God.