

**Bold Obedience****September 30, 2012**

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

- Describe a time when you disobeyed your parents when you were younger. What were the consequences of your disobedience?

With your Bible or YouVersion read Acts 5:12-42. In this passage, we learn from the apostles that bold obedience often triggers opposition, releases God's miracles and always requires faith.

- How can you draw encouragement from the apostles' example of bold obedience in Acts 5?
- What types of opposition have you faced when you've boldly obeyed God? How have you handled that opposition?
- What miracles have you seen result from bold obedience?
- What's one thing that God is asking you to do right now? What will be your next step in boldly obeying God?
- What's keeping you from boldly obeying God in the way the apostles did in Acts 5? How will you go about removing these barriers?

- Share a time when you didn't obey God completely and immediately. What did you learn from your disobedience?
- What can you do to prepare yourself to face the opposition that will result from your bold obedience?
- What results do you hope to see come from your bold obedience?

Here are some specific things you can do this week that will help you start praying bold prayers.

- You have been asked to identify something that God is asking you to do right now. Pray and ask God to show you exactly what steps you need to take to be obedient. Then, tell someone else about what God is calling you to do so that they can help you and hold you accountable.
- Acts is full of stories of people who were obedient. Identify which one have stood out to you and decide why they caught your attention.

Talk It Over with God:

These prayer tips can guide your time alone with God each day. Praying with a friend or a small group might help you stick to it.

- Ask God to show you exactly what he is calling you to do. Ask Him to show you the next step you need to take.
- Thank God for the miracles that you've witnessed that have resulted from your bold obedience.
- Ask God to help you stand firm during opposition that comes when you are obedient.
- Tell God where your faith is lacking and ask Him to help you renew your faith in Him.