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Bold Prayers

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.

- What's one of the most miraculous things you've ever seen or heard about?

With your Bible or YouVersion read Acts 4:23-37 In this passage, Peter and John have been released from jail and the church prays a bold prayer.

- How would you describe the way you typically pray? In what ways do your prayers reflect what you believe about God?
- What stood out to you as you read the prayer of the church following Peter and John's release? What makes it a bold prayer?
- When was the last time you were amazed by the power of prayer? How did that experience affect your relationship with God?
- Do you think prayers become bolder when they are prayed together in a group? Why or why not?
- What's keeping you from changing your selfish and small prayers into bold prayers?
- What bold prayers do you need to start praying

today?

- The prayer of the church in Acts 4 led to bold results. What bold results would you like to see come from your bold prayers?
- What impact do you think it would have on your if everyone began praying bold prayers?
- In what ways have you seen the power of bold prayers build your faith in Christ?

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

- Start praying bold prayers this week by picking two or three bold things to pray for. Follow the example in Acts 4 by praying for boldness in your life and in the lives of others. If you or someone you know has a great need, pray that God will work a miracle in that situation. Consider sharing your bold prayer requests with others and ask them to pray with you.
- During this series read the book of Acts. Look for examples of bold living that you can apply in your life.

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.

- Thank God for the bold and miraculous things He has done in your life and in the lives of others.
- Ask God for boldness in your life - in prayers, speech, obedience and actions.
- Ask God to make your church bold and to stir within your church the desire for bold prayers and results.
- Ask God to help you make a difference in the world through your bold prayers and actions.