

BIG CHURCH – 3

BIG AND BOLD

THE EARLY CHURCH PRAYED FOR _____.

²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. **Acts 4:29**

**POINT: HELP US TO _____ OUR BOLDNESS
BECAUSE WE'RE TOO _____.**

BECOMING BIG AND BOLD

I. SAYING THE NAME OF JESUS IS _____.

²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood.

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!" ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him. **Acts 5:27-32**

³³ When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.

³⁴ But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. ³⁵ Then he ad-

dressed the Sanhedrin: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. ³⁶ Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing.

³⁷ After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. **Acts 5:33-37**

II. GOD IS THE ONE WHO BRINGS ABOUT _____.

³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.

⁴⁰ His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. **Acts 5:39-40**

III. WE ARE AFRAID TO _____ BECAUSE WE FEAR SOMETHING _____ WILL HAPPEN.

^{40b} Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name

⁴² 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. **Acts 5:40b-42**

BOLDNESS BABY STEPS

1. **BOLD** is deciding to say _____ when it would be easier to say _____.
2. **BOLD** is taking advantage of the _____ that present themselves.
3. **BOLD** is _____ opportunities.