



Part 3: Simple Pain

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Review

The Mission

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

— Matthew 28:19-20

The Church

A gathering of people who became a movement consumed with fulfilling the mission of God.

The Name

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." — Acts 4:12

The Prayer

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

The Result

The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. "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."

Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. — Acts 5:27-33

The Advice of Gamaliel

"Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God." — Acts 5:38-39

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The Price of Being Bold

His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. – Acts 5:40

The Response

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. 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 5:41-42

Simple Decisions about Boldness

1. Speak up – say something when you want to say nothing
2. Speak in – take opportunities
3. Speak through – create opportunities

Friendships

Groups

Gatherings

Celebrations

Next Steps

CTK Life. Pick up a copy of our quarterly flyer to find out ways to boldly get involved in your church and your community.

Speak the Name. In point 3 above, Grant introduced 4 levels of relationship that each of us can speak through to share the love of Jesus. This week, take some time to write down a specific friend, group you belong to, gathering you attend or celebration you participate in where you could “break the sound barrier” and speak the name of Jesus, even in a very small way. Then pray and ask God for the boldness and wisdom to effectively reach out with the love of Jesus in each area.

Small Group Questions



- 1) Is fall a season you like? What do you like about it?
- 2) What do you think of when you hear the word boldness?
- 3) Have you ever suffered because of your Christian faith? What happened?
- 4) What can you learn from the response of the apostles after suffering for the sake of the mission of God?
- 5) What simple decision is God asking you to make so that you can be bold this week?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?