

UNSHAKEABLE

Boldness

Acts 4:5-20

SERIES BIG IDEA:

In Christ, we are unshakeable!

- **The mission of the Church is to be a witness to the power of the Gospel until Christ returns.**
- **An unshakeable community is devoted to Jesus' church and Jesus' mission because it is devoted to Jesus.**

To be an unshakeable community who is an unshakeable witness, we will need an unshakeable power source.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

The Holy Spirit is God: (Acts 5:3-4)

- **He carries the attributes of God — Omnipresent (Psalm 139:7); Omniscient (1 Corinthians 2:10); Omnipotent (1 Corinthians 12:11).**
- **He does the work of God. (Romans 8:11)**
- **He offers new life.**

Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4 (KJV)

There are two responses to the Holy Spirit: resistance or obedience.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16 (NIV, 1984)

Repenting to Jesus for forgiveness of your sins and receiving Him as Savior enlists us as Gospel witnesses.

An unshakeable Gospel witness driven by the Gospel of Jesus requires unshakeable boldness.

The next day the rulers, elders and teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and the other men of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, who you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. He is " 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the [cornerstone].' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:5-12 (NIV, 1984)

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

Holy Spirit boldness due to Holy Spirit fullness makes me an unshakeable witness.

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13 (NIV, 1984)

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We are filled with the Holy Spirit when we have put our trust in Jesus.

Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

Acts 4:18-20 (NIV, 1984)

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we cannot help but boldly share Jesus.

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:12 (NIV, 1984)

We are bold in the Spirit as we repent, receive, and obey.

What bold step do I need to take today?



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

To be *unshakeable*, we need a power that is not our own—we need a power that is beyond us. We need the Holy Spirit, who is God, has the attributes of God, does the work of God, and offers us new life.

The Holy Spirit fills us, like John and Peter experienced, when we put our faith in Jesus through submitting to Him as Lord and receiving Him as Savior.

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we can be an *unshakeable* witness with *unshakeable* boldness regardless of what life throws our way. We can stand firm because the evidence of the Holy Spirit filling us up and changing us will be undeniable to the people around us. We will change and we can be bold in our witness and bold in our obedience to the Holy Spirit.

What is the bold step that the Holy Spirit is prompting you to take? It is time to stand up and stand out for Jesus by being an *unshakeable* witness who has *unshakeable* boldness due to Holy Spirit fullness.

TALK-IT-OVER:

You will find the questions to discuss with others in the *Unshakeable Guide*.

You can access the *Unshakeable Guide* and more at <http://unshakeable.faith>

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:

Day 1) Luke 3:16, John 14:15-17,25-27

Day 2) Acts 2:38-39

Day 3) Acts 5:29-32

Day 4) Acts 9:10-31

Day 5) 1 Thessalonians 4:7-9

Day 6) 1 Peter 2:4-6