

Boldness and Miracles

1. The Fulfilment of Christ's Promises Acts 3:1-5

The passage was the fulfilment of Promises that Jesus had made to the disciples:

John 14:12

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

Matthew 4: 19

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

This is an amazing miracle. This man had been lame since birth.

These promises are also for us. What promises of Christ do you hold to heart? Peter and John took these promises to heart and stepped out in faith!

Where do you need to step out in faith? What promises do you need to hold to?

2. A faith that leads to boldness

Acts 3:11 - 4:21

Incredible to see the transformation in Peter and John:

In 3 vs 6 Boldness to ask for a miracle in Jesus' name - The healing of the lame man
vss 12 -25 They are boldly addressing the crowd:

- They were in the centre of the temple at one of the busiest times of the day
- They challenge the crowd and call them to repent of their sin!
- 2000 Men were added to their number - The men led the way!

Ch 4 vs 8 Peter is bold before the Sanhedrin - Modern equivalent addressing the Senate or Parliament.

Vs12 "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

This was a bold statement in today's climate of political correctness it would be seen as inappropriate, offensive even. In Peter's day this could have resulted in his stoning!

The disciples were bold to state the truth.

Vs13 They saw the courage of Peter and John...and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Their boldness and courage made people take note that these men had been with Jesus! As men we are called to lead.

Peter and John led the way their boldness and faith resulted in thousands hearing the gospel and being saved!

How are we as men doing? Are we known for our boldness, are we known as Men of Courage? Would it be noted of you that are a Christian?

Peter and John were humble and unschooled men less educated than many yet they were extraordinary by their faith in Christ!

vs21 the Sanhedrin were so blinded by their legalism they missed the miracle of God, they could not deny it but they missed it!

Do we miss the miracles that God does before us? Do we believe that God can still do miracles today? God is the same today!

3. Prayer that shakes the ground! 4vs23 - 36

The boldness of Peter and John, their faith and the salvation of many was the result of prayer!

In 3vs 1 Peter and John are on their way to pray!

In 4vs 24 The Church's first reaction is to pray

In vs29 they ask for Boldness!

In vs30 they ask for miracles!

In vs31 The place where they were meeting was shaken!

This was a praying church! In the habit of faithful prayer with expectation. We see that Peter and John were on their way to pray! The church's first reaction on the release of Peter and John is to pray! They prayed in a way that shook the ground!

How is your prayer life? How is our prayer life as a church prayer? Prayer has power! We connect with God, our hearts connect with God, we are transformed by prayer!

Prayer changes the world! The Berlin wall came down following much prayer!

Prayer results in miracles – My mother prayed for me to become a Christian for 4 years!

Conclusion

The fulfilment of Christ's Promises

A faith that leads to Boldness

Prayer that shakes the ground

Boldness and Miracles were the result of great prayers. We are called to follow in their example to be men of prayer to dedicate ourselves to prayer to be filled with courage MEN of courage men who are bold! To fan the flames of the Holy Spirit in our hearts

As we go through the book of Acts let's be inspired to go on the adventure that God has for us to fulfil his plan for our lives to change the world.