

# Sermon Series: Acts The Church on Fire

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## Acts 4:23-31     *Bold Faith*

**A test to see who you are by testing who you wish you were. I want to be a drill sergeant but I'm too nice.**

**\*Bold faith is refusing to deny anything of Christ.**

### **I. Community**

- A. Went to their “friends”
  - 1. Went to “their own”
  - 2. Apostles, original followers (Ch 1), new believers
- B. Made up of people with things shared in common
  - 1. Values
  - 2. Experiences
  - 3. Purpose
- C. A church is a community
  - 1. Growth (knowledge, discipleship)
  - 2. Compassion (ministry, sharing love)
  - 3. Community (Accountability, conviction, fellowship) [we both give and receive]

### **II. Prayer**

- A. Together as one voice
- B. Asked God to “look upon their threats”
  - 1. Be mindful, take notice
  - 2. Wanted God to be aware and be present
  - 3. =>Scuba diving with sharks around
- C. Our response: “God, you take care of this how you see best.”

### **III. Bold Faith**

- A. Recognition of God
  - 1. Who God is (sovereign)
  - 2. What God does (signs, wonders, miracles, work)

- B. Request for the believers
  - 1. Keep proclaiming
  - 2. Proclaiming boldly (not denying anything of Christ)
- C. Did NOT ask for things to get easier (we grow through struggle)  
=>butterflies
- D. Despite how the world responds, disciples should remain faithful with a bold faith (refuse to deny)

#### IV. Live it Out

- A. Be part of the community (attend Bible study, be involved and not just attend)
- B. Pray for God to move (so you can follow)
- C. Refuse to deny any part of your faith (prayers before meals, reading your Bible, etc.)

#### V. Bold faith is refusing to deny anything of Christ.