

The Book of Acts: Unintimidated

Acts 4:1-12

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1 Peter 3:14 (NASB)

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED,

“A man who is intimate with God is not intimidated by man.” — Leonard Ravenhill

Acts 4:1-8 (NLT)

¹ While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. ² These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. ³ They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning. ⁴ But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of believers now totaled about 5,000 men, not counting women and children. ⁵ The next day the council of all the rulers and elders and teachers of religious law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, along with Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and other relatives of the high priest. ⁷ They brought in the two disciples and demanded, “By what power, or in whose name, have you done this?” ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of our people,

Matthew 10:19-20 (NLT)

¹⁹ When you are arrested, don't worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time. ²⁰ For it is not you who will be speaking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Acts 4:9-12 (NLT)

⁹ are we being questioned today because we've done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? ¹⁰ Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, ‘The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.’ ¹² There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”

OVERCOMING INTIMIDATION

1. Fear of God Removes the Fear of Man

Proverbs 29:25 (NKJV)

²⁵ The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

2. Stop Avoidance Behavior

Hebrews 10:35 (NKJV)

³⁵ Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

3. Stop Giving Your Power Away

Nehemiah 6:13 (NLT)

¹³ They were hoping to intimidate me and make me sin. Then they would be able to accuse and discredit me.