

Arrested and Empowered

Acts 4

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Empowered

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

We often think that if we were walking in the perfect will of God, everything would be easy and simple. But over and over again, the Scriptures tell us a different story. Oftentimes, the perfect will of God walks us directly into harm's way. We see this with the early church. After the miraculous healing of the man at the Beautiful Gate, you might think that people will simply celebrate. But no!! Peter and John are promptly arrested and thrown in jail. What will God do next? Join us for this weekend's message and see!

REALIZE

1. Watch how faithfulness opens doors.

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 4; Psalm 118:22
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Where is God asking me to be faithful in new ways?

2. Always speak of Jesus.

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 4; Acts 1:8; 1 John 1:1-4
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How do I feel pressure to not share about Jesus?

3. A humble boldness is needed.

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 4; Psalm 2:1-2; Ephesians 5:18
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What would my life look like if I were more bold and generous?

4. A healthy church is beautiful.

- **Scripture Reference;** Acts 4; Acts 2:44-45
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What would my life look like if I were more bold and generous?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?