

# AFTER CHURCH DEVO

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## Topic: Unshaken Faith in Christ

### Opening Prayer:

"I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken." — Psalm 16:8

Lord, You are our firm foundation. In a world that opposes Your truth, strengthen our hearts to stand boldly in faith. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may live courageously for You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### Read: Acts 4:1-31

What does it take to stand firm in your faith when everything around you is shaking? In Acts 4, Peter and John faced intense opposition. After healing a crippled man in Jesus' name (Acts 3), they were arrested and brought before the religious leaders—the same men who had condemned Jesus to death. They were ordered to stop preaching about Jesus. But instead of backing down, Peter boldly declared:

"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

Peter and John were ordinary men—fishermen by trade—but something had changed. The Holy Spirit had transformed them. The same Peter who had once denied Jesus out of fear (Luke 22:54-62) now stood unshaken before the very authorities who had crucified Christ. What made the difference? They had encountered the risen Jesus and were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

The religious leaders were astonished by their confidence. They noticed one key thing: "They had been with Jesus." (Acts 4:13) This is the foundation of unshaken faith—not knowledge, not status, not ability, but an intimate relationship with Christ.

Even after being threatened, Peter and John refused to be silent. Instead of asking for safety, they prayed for more boldness (Acts 4:29). And God responded—shaking the place where they prayed and filling them afresh with His Spirit (Acts 4:31). Their faith was not shaken by threats or opposition because their confidence was in Christ, not themselves.

We, too, live in a world that challenges our faith. Fear of rejection, pressure to compromise, or even the risk of persecution can make us hesitant to stand for Christ. But the same Spirit who empowered Peter and John is with us today. When we walk closely with Jesus, our faith will remain unshaken, no matter the circumstances.

### **Conclusion:**

True boldness comes not from personality or strength, but from knowing Christ and relying on the Holy Spirit. When we fix our eyes on Jesus, we can stand firm in faith, even in the face of opposition. The world may shake around us, but in Christ, we will not be moved.

### **Discussion Questions:**

#### **For Students:**

1. Have you ever felt pressured to stay silent about your faith? How did you respond?
2. Why do you think spending time with Jesus makes a difference in our boldness?
3. What's one way you can stand firm in your faith at school or with friends?

#### **For Parents:**

1. How can you encourage bold faith in your children?
2. What fears or challenges do you face in openly living for Christ?
3. How can your family pray for boldness together?

#### **For Professionals:**

1. What are some challenges in being open about your faith at work?
2. How can you stay unshaken in environments that oppose biblical values?

3. What role does prayer play in strengthening your faith?

**This week, pray specifically for boldness. Look for one opportunity to share your faith, whether through a conversation, an act of kindness, or standing firm in truth. Trust the Holy Spirit to give you the words and courage you need.**