

"A SEAT AT THE TABLE: CHURCH LEADERS' COURAGE"

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Acts 4:1-12 (HCSB)

Sermon Outline:

I. Courageous witnesses are filled with the Holy Spirit (v.8)

II. Courageous witnesses have spent time with Jesus and experienced Him (v. 13)

III. Courageous witnesses testify of what they know for certain (v. 20)

Application:

One person with courage is a majority. Church leadership requires courage. All leaders need courage to:

- 1. Seek God's truth as revealed in the Holy Scriptures.
- 2. Change for the sake of the Gospel.
- 3. Express convictions even when in minority.
- 4. Overcome obstacles.
- 5. Learn and grow.
- 6. Lead others.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why did Peter and John choose to stand up to Israel's establishment?
- 2. What were the results of Peter's infilling of the Holy Spirit (v.8)?
- 3. What was John's and Peter's central message of preaching?
- 4. Why preaching the exclusivity of the salvation in Christ alone can get Christians into trouble?
- 5. In what ways can Christians lovingly express convictions to non-Christians? (April 13-May12 is Muslim's month of fasting Ramadan, which they aim to do penance for sins and become more holy before their false god, Allah).
- 6. Name 3 ways CBC Leadership can learn and grow in courage in order to lead the church more faithfully
- 7. Commit to pray for all CBC Staff, Deacons, and Council members to grow in Biblical courage.
- 8. Write one way you need to make a change to grow in Biblical courage this week:

Resources to learn more about Muslim's month of fasting, Ramadan

How to Use Quran to get to the Gospel https://www.imb.org/2018/06/22/isa-in-the-quran/

List of Quran verse with the name "Jesus/'Isa"

https://www.namb.net/apologetics/resource/a-comprehensive-listing-of-references-to-jesus-isa-in-the-qur-an/