THE STAND
Forged By Fire #2
October 25, 2026
Acts 4:1-31

BIG IDEA: BOLDNESS TO STAND FOR JESUS COMES FROM THE _____ RESIDING _____ YOU.

HOW TO BOLDLY STAND FOR JESUS

1. **BE _____ BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. (v. 1-10)**

   WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT?

   - **The Spirit _____ every believer. Eph. 1:13-14**
   - **Spirit filling means living under the _____ of the Spirit. (Eph. 5:18)**
   - **Spirit filling is _____ for every believer.**

   HOW TO BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

   - **_____ God to fill you. (Luke 11:13)**
   - **Actively _____ to His leadership. (Rom. 12:1)**
   - **_____ as He directs.**

2. **_____ WITH JESUS DAILY. (v. 13-22)**

3. **ASK GOD FOR _____ TO LIVE SENT. (v. 23-31)**

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: The Peter we read about in Acts 2-4 is radically different from the one we see in John 18. While the resurrection transformed His faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit empowered His life and witness. He received the Holy Spirit in John 21:22, but he was not filled by the Spirit until Acts 2. Read Acts 1:1-12. Days of fervent prayer prepared him to live under the influence of the Spirit. Which version of Peter do you most resemble? Ask God to fill you with His Spirit.

Tuesday: Read Ephesians 5:15-21. It's God's will for you to be filled with the Spirit. In fact, He commands it. Read Romans 12:1-2. Submit yourself to God as a living sacrifice, willing to live under the control of His Spirit. As you read the Bible and pray this week, be alert to what the Spirit is saying or leading you to do. Often, it is to live SENT with someone.

Wednesday: Read Galatians 5:16-26. In these verses "filled by the Spirit" is replaced with "walk by the Spirit", "led by the Spirit" and "live by the Spirit". It's still living under the influence of the Spirit. What kind of transformation by the Spirit is mentioned here? Do you see evidence of this in you? If so, thank God for it. If not, ask the Spirit to lead you.

Thursday: Acts 4:13 teaches us that spending extended time with Jesus transforms and emboldens us to do His will. Peter and John were ordinary men who became world changers. Jesus promised this to all of us in John 15:1-17. If you abide in Him, you WILL bear MUCH fruit. What fruit are you bearing for God? How often and how well are you abiding in Jesus? That makes all the difference!

Friday: Read Acts 4:13-31. After being arrested, threatened and released by the same people who murdered Jesus, Peter and John didn't ask for protection. They prayed for boldness to keep witnessing, and God answered in a big way. Pray for boldness to speak God's word this week. Boldness does not mean obnoxious or insensitive but confident, gentle and respectful. That's how Peter described it in 1 Peter 3:13-17.