DANGEROUS PRAYERS: Make Me Bold

The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. ... "And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness. Acts 4:13, 29-31

WHAT IS BIBLICAL BOLDNESS?

It's not a personality trait; it's the work of the Holy Spirit...

- to love the lost
- by proclaiming the truth of Jesus
- under the call and conviction of God's <u>authority!</u>

TWO ATTRIBUTES OF BOLDNESS

- Boldness almost always triggers the <u>Enemy</u>.
 If you're not ready to face <u>opposition</u> for your obedience to God, you're not ready to be <u>used</u> by God.
- Boldness often releases God's <u>miracles</u>.
 You have no idea what God might <u>set in motion</u> from a single act of boldness!

You can never fulfill your <u>calling</u> in your <u>comfort zone!</u>

HOW AMAZED ARE PEOPLE BY YOUR BOLDNESS?