

# 2024 - Family Devo

## Feb 18 - a



### READ: Acts 4:5-12

**Main Idea:** What a contrast we read about here with Peter and John compared to just weeks before when they watched Jesus be questioned, before his crucifixion. Instead of denying and fleeing, now they speak with confidence, with the help of the Holy Spirit. Not only do they claim Jesus as their authority but they declare he is the only name that will save anyone.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** Why do you think that the apostles changed from being scared to preaching to everyone, everywhere? Think about what happened to them. They received the Holy Spirit, remember? I would think that along with the Holy Spirit, they finally understood everything Jesus had been hinting at while he was alive. Wouldn't that give you courage?

**Teen:** The Holy Spirit gave Peter and John the strength and confidence to boldly speak the name of Jesus. Would Peter and John have been as effective on their own without the Spirit's help? Is the Holy Spirit still helping us today?

**Adult:** We don't know exactly how much time passed from Jesus' death or from Pentecost till this occasion. How do you think the apostles passed their time, both when Jesus was with them and after His ascension? Did they review Jesus' teachings and marvel at what they didn't learn when they first heard it? Peter even calls out the Jews. What do you think made the biggest difference in his attitude? How can we foster the same type of fearlessness without having the luxury of seeing Jesus on earth?

### PRAY

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### MEMORIZE

**Psalm 56:9b-11 (ESV)**  
**This I know, that God is for me. In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?**



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## Feb 18 - b



### READ: Acts 4:13-22

**Main Idea:** The Jewish leaders are amazed at these apostles boldness. They perceive this confidence is not coming from education or ability. They also realize they cannot deny the miracle that they did through Jesus' name. They still try to silence Peter and John from future actions, but these apostles stand tall saying they will follow God instead. What an example for us.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** Don't you wish you could be more like those apostles. To be able to tell people about Jesus without wondering if you would lose a friend, or without being afraid that someone would make fun of you? The apostles risked not only their freedom but their lives. Aren't we blessed that we can talk to people about Jesus and not worry about prison or death!

**Teen:** Are there religious leaders today who are distorting God's word, and leading people away from what the Lord wants, instead of following what the Word says? Which must you love and seek more, the ideas of man, or power of God? In what ways could you make sure to not be misled?

**Adult:** Part of what the leaders noticed was that these uneducated, untrained men had been with Jesus. We don't have the privilege of being physically with Jesus, but we can spend time in His teachings. In fact, in our age, access to Jesus' teachings is greater than at any other time. Do you take time to meditate on His teachings? You are at least reading this devotional. We all have busy lives and can find reasons and excuses not to study the Word on our own. Shouldn't our approach be to find reasons and excuses to spend time in Jesus' teachings and with His Church? What do you need to give up to make more time for the Lord?

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