

THE GREATNESS IN YOU

“No Fear”

¹ While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. ² These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. ³ They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning. ⁷ They brought in the two disciples and demanded, **“By what power, or in whose name, have you done this?” Acts 4:1-3; 7 (NLT)**

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of our people, ⁹ are we being questioned today because we’ve done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? ¹⁰ Let me **clearly state to all of you** and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, **the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead.** ¹¹ For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, ‘The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.’ ¹² **There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.**”
Acts 4:8-12 (NLT)

¹³ 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. They also recognized them as men who had **been with Jesus. Acts 4:13 (NLT)**

¹⁴ But since they could see the man who had been healed standing right there among them, there was nothing the council could say. ¹⁵ So they ordered Peter and John out of the council chamber and conferred among themselves. ¹⁶ “What should we do with these men?” they asked each other. “We can’t deny that they have performed a miraculous sign, and everybody in Jerusalem knows about it. ¹⁷ But to keep them from spreading their propaganda any

further, we must warn them not to speak to anyone in Jesus' name again.”¹⁸ So they called the apostles back in and **commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. Acts 4:14-18 (NLT)**

¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, **“Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him?”**²⁰ **We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.”**²¹ The council then threatened them further, but they finally let them go because they didn't know how to punish them without starting a riot. For everyone was praising God...

Acts 4:19-21 (NLT)

Our confidence in God should always outweigh our fear of others!

¹⁰ Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Galatians 1:10 (NIV)

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6 (NIV)

- 1. EVERYONE IS INVITED**
- 2. EVERYONE GETS IN THE EXACT SAME WAY**
- 3. EVERYONE CAN MEET THE REQUIREMENTS**