The Church Is

Bold in Gospel Proclamation

Acts 3:1-4:4 April 17, 2016

There was an inherent "newness" to the New Testament Church. The empowerment of the Holy Spirit led to the first Christian sermon and the conversion of 3,000 people in one day. The conversions did not stop—the Lord continued to add to their number daily! This led the Apostles to be bold in their ministry. In this episode of Acts, we witness *The Apostles Bold...*

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"'Get up,' Jesus told him, 'pick up your bedroll and walk!' ⁹Instantly the man got well, picked up his bedroll, and started to walk."

John 5:8-9

"Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy, for water will gush in the wilderness, and streams in the desert..." Isaiah 35:6

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II. E______(3:12-26)

"... and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is without foundation, and so is your faith." 1 Corinthians 15:14

"No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as well!" Luke 13:3

"I will keep My eyes on them for their good and will return them to this land. I will build them up and not demolish them; I will plant them and not uproot them." Jeremiah 24:6 "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him... ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. I will put My words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹I will hold accountable whoever does not listen to My words that he speaks in My name."

Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19

"When your time comes and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up after you your descendant, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom." 2 Samuel 7:12

"The Lord said to Abram: 'Go out from your land, your relatives, and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, I will curse those who treat you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Genesis 12:1-3

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"Remember the word I spoke to you: 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will also keep yours."

John 15:20

"So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ." Romans 10:17

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