

**Unhindered  
The Book of Acts  
A Confident Witness  
Acts 4:1-22**

- **Introduction**
  - There are many differences between sharing our faith and salesmanship.
    - Sharing our faith requires the Holy Spirit being most notable.
  - There are however a few parallels:
    - Being confident about your subject matter.
    - Honestly believing that a product is something that other people really need.
  - The best evangelist (sharers of good news about Jesus) is confident that Jesus is the only Savior and that people desperately need to trust in Him or they will deal with dire eternal consequences.
  - As followers of Jesus, we should be confident witnesses for Jesus.
  - There are four characteristics of confident witnesses that we learn from Acts 4:1-22.
- **Confident witnesses are filled with the Holy Spirit.**
  - Luke 12:11–12; Luke 21:12–15
  - Spirit filled witnesses are controlled by God's Spirit.
    - Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:16; John 16:14
  - Spirit filled witnesses obey God rather than men, even when threatened.
    - Misconceptions
      - That the Lord will keep us from persecution.
      - 2 Timothy 3:12
      - That persecution comes mainly from those outside the church.
- **Confident witnesses have spent much time with Jesus and learned from Him.**
  - It is a great compliment for people to recognize that we are like Jesus because we have been with Him.
  - People often have misconceptions about what Jesus was like.
    - "Jesus was always kind and loving, Paul was confrontational."
    - Luke 11:37-52
  - We are not rude or mean but do confront with the truth.
  - Ephesians 4:15
- **Confident witnesses testify to what they know for certain.**
  - We know for certain that Jesus is risen from the dead.
    - 1 Corinthians 15:17
  - We know for certain that Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies.
    - Psalm 118:22
  - We know for certain that Jesus performed many attested miracles through the apostles.
    - Hebrews 2:3–4
  - We know for certain that Jesus has saved us through faith in His name, and that He will save any that will call upon Him.
    - John 1:12–13; John 6:37
- **Confident witnesses insist on Jesus as the only way to come to God and enjoy a relationship with Him.**
  - John 14:6
- **Conclusion**
  - Ephesians 6:19–20
  - We should seek to proclaim unhindered, with confidence and boldness the good news of Jesus.