

# Be an ACE Follower

Acts 4

4 The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. <sup>2</sup> They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup> They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. <sup>4</sup> But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

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<sup>5</sup> The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem.<sup>6</sup> Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. <sup>7</sup> They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

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<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> Jesus is

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“the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

<sup>13</sup> When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished **and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.** <sup>14</sup> But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, **there was nothing they could say.**

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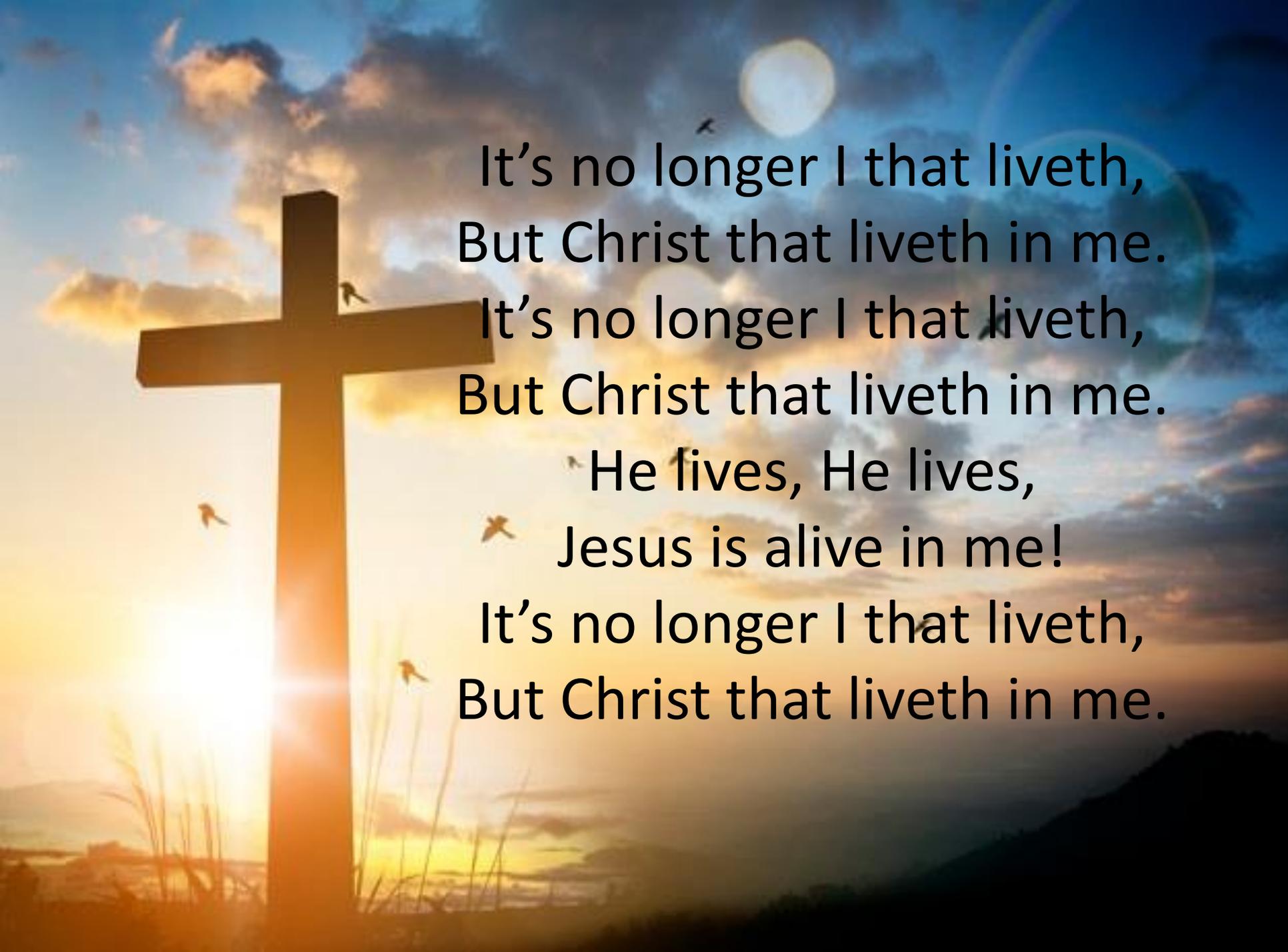


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FAITH AND FOOTSTEPS



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<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20



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“Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” <sup>7</sup> Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. <sup>8</sup> He jumped to his feet and began to walk



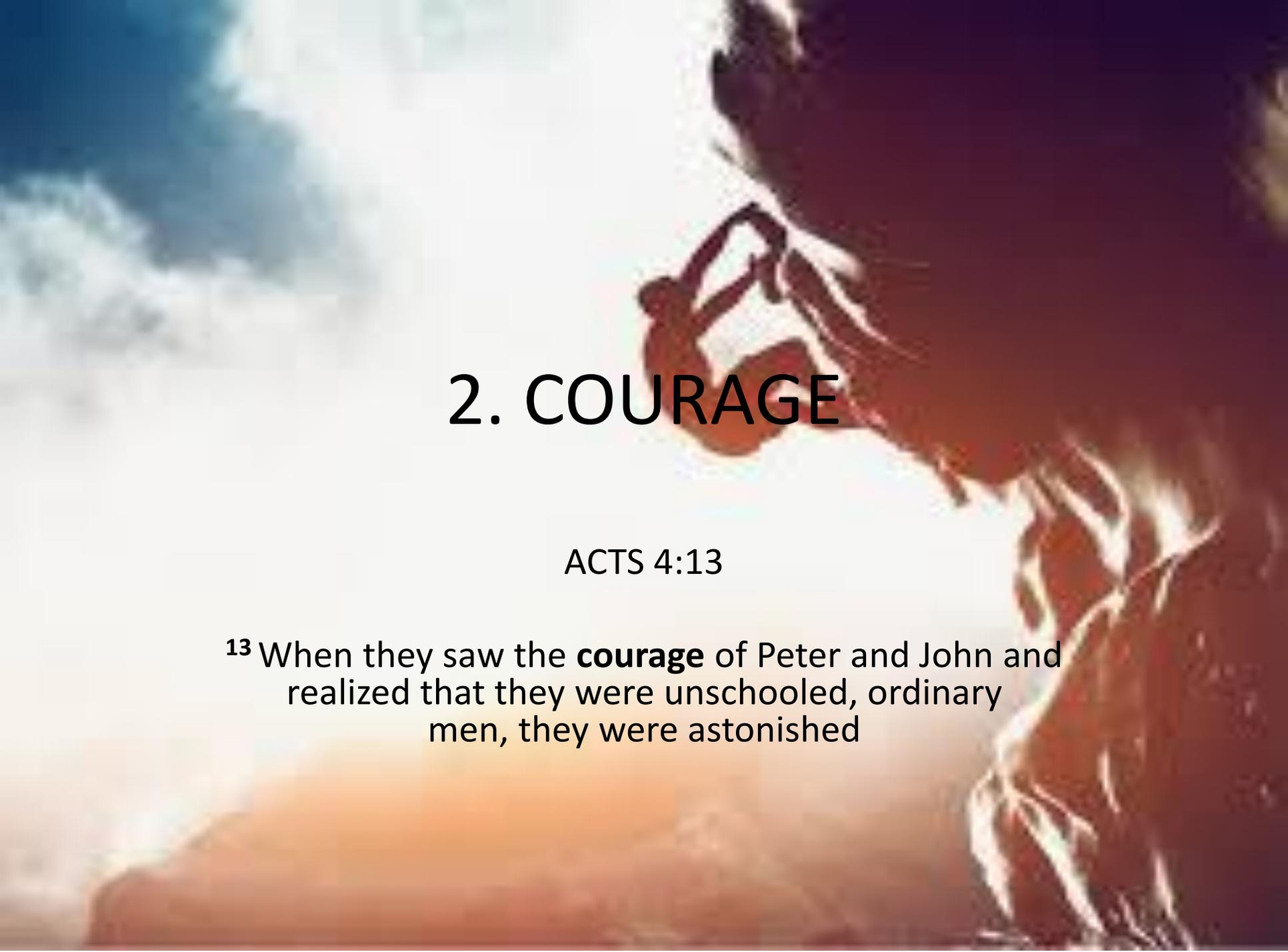
# 1. ACTS OF KINDNESS

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# Why must we commit to ACTS OF KINDNESS?

1. Fruitful (Gal 5:22-23)
2. Commandment (Colossians 3:12)
3. Discipleship (Acts 9:36)
4. Hospitality (Acts 28:2)
5. It is good (Micah 6:8)



## 2. COURAGE

ACTS 4:13

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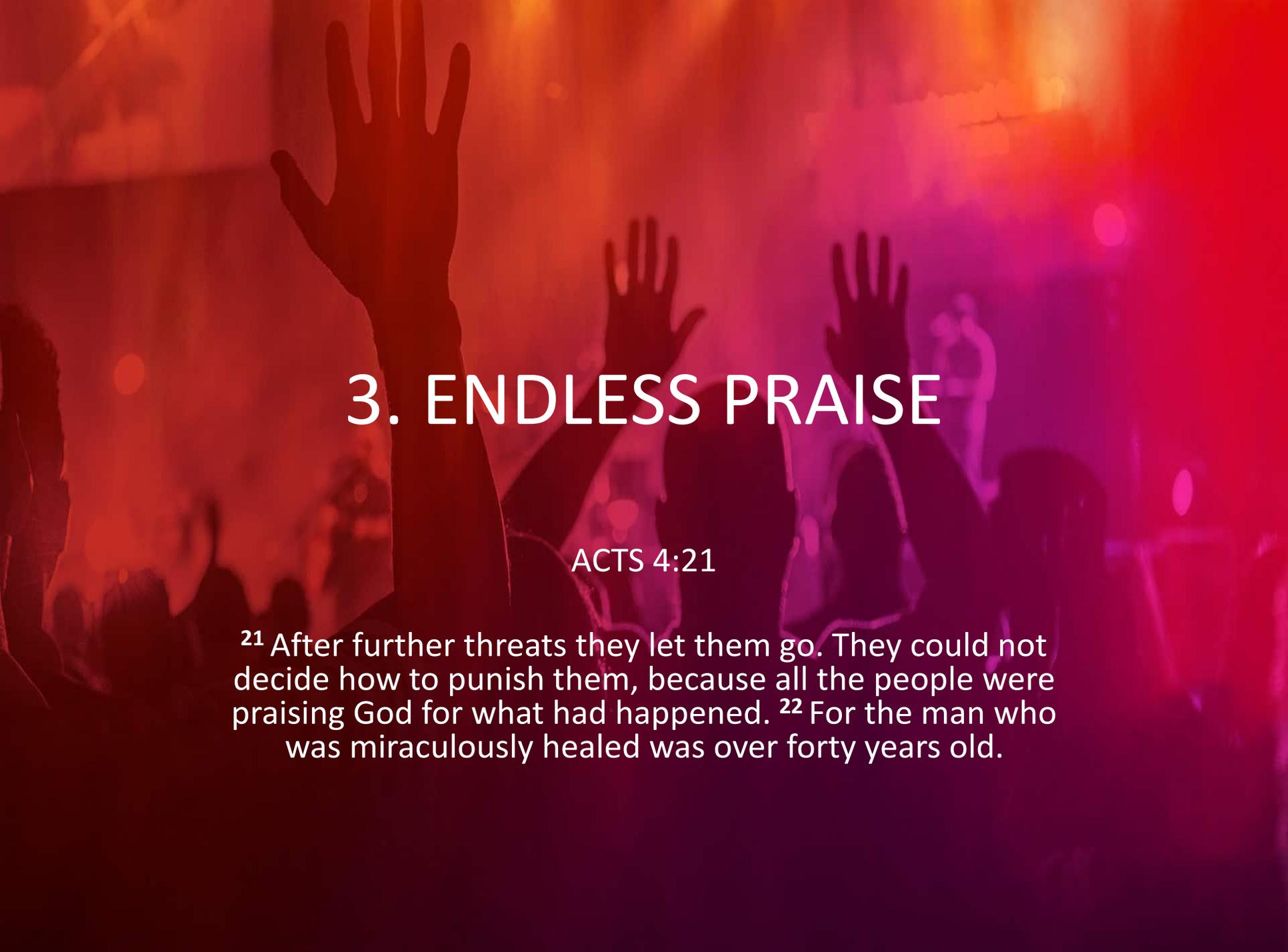
# COURAGE, BOLDNESS : parrēsia

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<sup>29</sup> Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great **boldness**. <sup>30</sup> Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

<sup>31</sup> After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and **spoke the word of God boldly**.





# 3. ENDLESS PRAISE

ACTS 4:21

<sup>21</sup> After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. <sup>22</sup> For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

10 When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites with cymbals, took their places to praise the Lord, as prescribed by David king of Israel.

11 With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord: “He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever.”  
And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

EZRA 3:10-11



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