

Be Bold

Bold in obedience

Read Acts 5:17-32; Luke 6:26; Ps. 37:25; 119:105.

1. Do you believe that if a Christian is being obedient to God, and is in the centre of God's will, then no harm should befall that person (that they will live a life of utter serenity and perfect health, and be liked and respected by everyone)? If not, why not? What is your reason?
2. Steve shared a number of incidences of when he was opposed for doing what he believed was God's will. Have you ever been opposed for doing God's will? Who opposed you (Christians or unbelievers)? How did you react to this?
3. Are we wrong to expect a certain amount of respect from people who do not share our views?
4. When Peter and John obeyed God, God released a miracle of an angel to set them free from jail. What "miracles" have you encountered through being obedient to God? Were you "surprised" by those miracles? Do you expect them?
5. Bold obedience always requires faith. The disciples did not ask the angel for details of why they needed to be obedient, of what God was going to do through them, or of what would happen to them. They simply obeyed. Are you someone who needs to know all the details before you step forward in faith? Share examples.
6. Steve said that faith in God was needed to offer or accept forgiveness; to give generously; or to share our testimony with workmates. What has faith to do with any of these actions?
7. The disciples obeyed the angel immediately. They didn't stall, delay or procrastinate. Share some moments when you obeyed God immediately (or failed to!)?
8. John Wimber: "Live your life before an audience of One." Why do you think that this might be a good motto for life?