

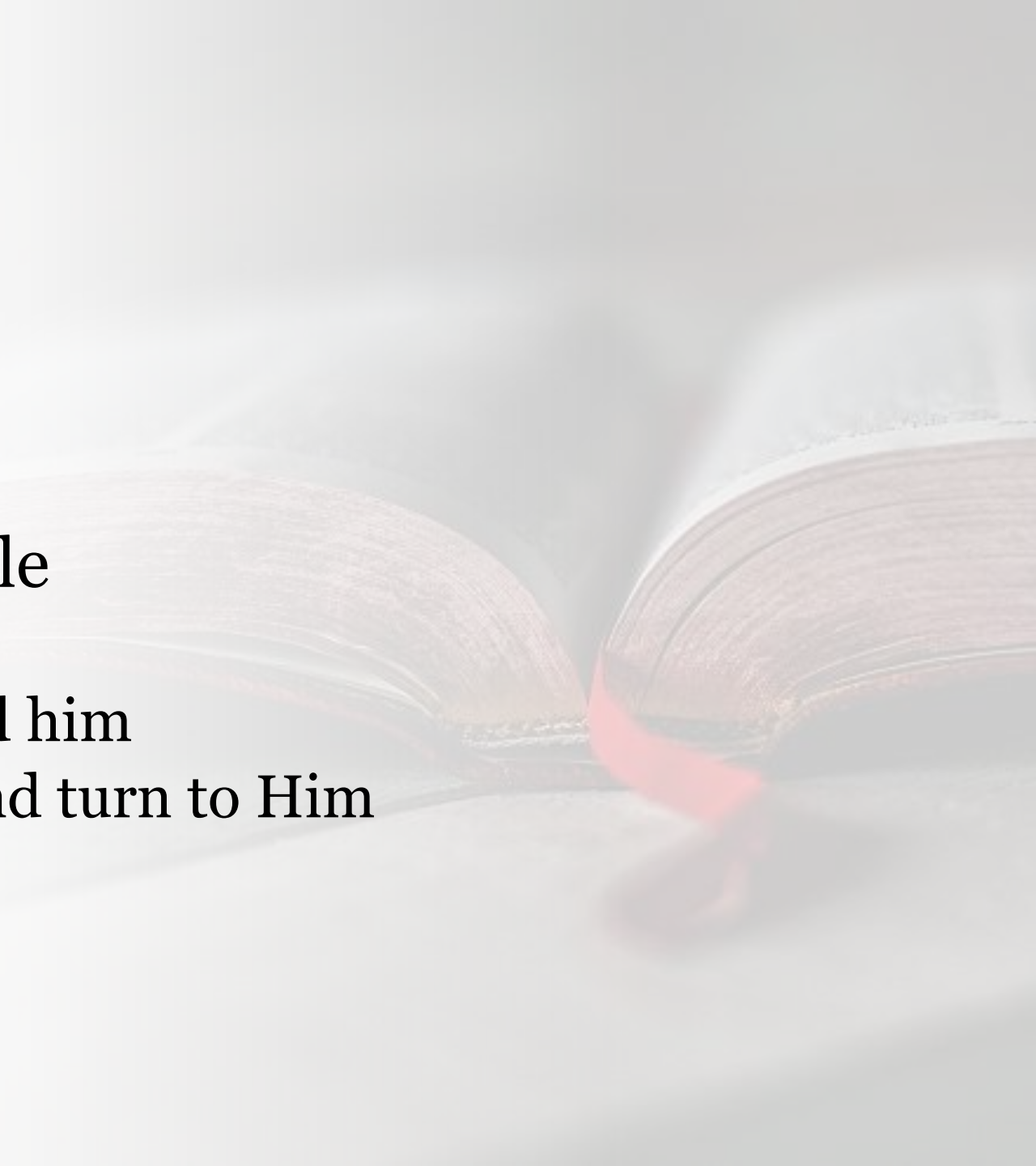


Boldness in the Faith

Acts 4:1-37

Acts 3 Healing..

- Healing of the lame man
- Miracle drew a large crowd
- Peter responded to the people
 - The man was healed by Jesus
 - You killed him but God raised him
 - He is the Messiah.. Repent and turn to Him



Reactions to the Gospel 4:1-4

- Priests, Sadducees greatly disturbed
 - Infringing on their authority
 - Preaching in Jesus the resurrection
- People in the crowd responded in faith
 - Thousands more baptized
- Peter and John put in jail overnight



Before the Sanhedrin 4:5-22

- Highest court of Jews 5-7
 - 70 rulers, elders, scribes
 - “By what authority have you done this?”
- Peter is not intimidated 8-12
 - We are judged because a lame man can walk
 - Jesus is the power behind the healing
 - You killed Him, but God raised Him
 - Salvation is in no other

Advantage the apostles 4:5-22

- Council amazed at the bold response 13
 - Uneducated men, they have been with Jesus
- Unable to present any evidence of a crime 14-18
 - Proof of the miracle: the man standing
 - Private conference: how to control the damage
 - Commanded them not to speak/teach in Jesus' name
- We cannot but speak what we know 20-22

Prayer for boldness 4:23-31

- Apostles and companions go to God 23-24
- Prophecies foretold these events 25-28
 - Jewish/Roman forces conspired to kill Jesus
 - Same authorities now turning on the apostles
- They ask for boldness to continue speaking 29-31
 - To grant miracles in the name of Jesus
 - God responds powerfully vs 31

Sharing in all things 4:32-37

- The spirit of love and sharing prevails 32
 - Allegiance to Christ
 - Great need for one another
- Strong leadership by apostles 33
- Generous spirit of family oneness 34-37

Confident Witnesses

- Filled with the Spirit **v 8** Eph 5:18 Gal 5:16
- Have been with Jesus **v 13**
- Obey God rather than men **v 20**
- Speak what we know to be true
 - Jesus is risen from the dead 1 Cor 15:17
 - Jesus fulfilled many prophecies Psa 118:22
 - Jesus is the only way of salvation Acts 4:12



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