

A Bold Preacher

Acts 9:19b-31

1. **Bold preachers let their focus be on proclaiming Christ, not winning friends (vv. 19b-20).**

Acts 9:19-20 | For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰ And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

2. **Bold preachers don't let their past failures hinder their present ministry (vv. 21-22).**

Acts 9:21-22 | ²¹ And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

3. **Bold preachers don't let external opposition defeat their internal convictions (vv. 23-25, 29-30).**

Acts 9:23-25 | ²³ When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, ²⁴ but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, ²⁵ but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

Acts 9:29-30 | ²⁹ And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him. ³⁰ And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

4. **Bold preachers don't let internal opposition derail their external focus (vv. 26, 28).**

Acts 9:26 | ²⁶ And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple.

Acts 9:28 | ²⁸ So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord.

5. Bold preachers do let the faithfulness of their preaching function as a witness to the church and to the world (vv. 27, 31).

Acts 9:27 | ²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

Acts 9:31 | ³¹ So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.