

A Bold, New Superkid

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"It's impossible for us to stop speaking about all the things we've seen and heard!"

Acts 4:20, *The Passion Translation*



Superkid, it is a new day for us! Though many things have tried to discourage and stop us, God is showing us who we really are and how powerful Jesus is in us. Last month I said, "Jesus makes you bold." We talked about Peter, who wasn't the boldest disciple of Jesus. What happened that changed him, and how can we get some of that?

The last few days before Jesus died on the cross was an uncertain time for Peter and Jesus' other disciples. They knew powerful people were angry at Jesus, putting them all in danger. One night, Jesus spoke about what would happen in the coming days. He didn't want them to be afraid, so He told them that He would take care of them (John 13-18).

On Passover, the last night before going to the cross, Jesus washed their feet and began teaching and warning them. He singled out Peter to tell him he would deny even knowing Him! Peter didn't believe he would ever deny Jesus! Peter and the disciples were confused and shaken that night. Peter argued with Jesus about everything. Have you ever felt fearful and concerned in a hard situation? Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said in John 14, "Don't be afraid!" He promised that He wouldn't leave them alone. He began to describe Someone very special. Can you tell me who He was talking about? That's right...the Holy Spirit! Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Savior, the Holy Spirit of Truth, who will be to you a friend just like me—and he will never leave you. The world won't receive him because they can't see him

or know him. But you know him intimately because he remains with you and will live inside you. I promise that I will never leave you helpless or abandon you as orphans—I will come back to you!" (John 14:16-18).

What a wonderful promise! Jesus proceeded to tell them everything they needed to know. I'm sure it was hard for them to understand that night. Over the next few days, they probably weren't remembering what Jesus had promised as they watched Him be arrested, beaten and nailed to the cross! They were hurt, afraid and felt lost. Peter, in particular, was very afraid! So much so, he did just what he thought he would never do, he denied even knowing Jesus.

This doesn't sound like the Peter we read about in the rest of the Bible, does it? He was not very bold, brave or vocal about Jesus. What changed him? After Jesus was dead three days, He came back like He said He would! He came to them many times over the next 40 days, teaching them and, I am sure, telling them His plans for the future (Acts 1:1-5)!

He told them to wait for the gift He had promised them—the Holy Spirit. So they waited in one room all together, when suddenly after 10 days, the Holy Spirit came on them and in them. They began to speak in tongues, a heavenly language they had never heard!

Suddenly, Peter began BOLDLY telling people about Jesus! Where he once denied Him out of fear, a holy boldness came on him when he

received the Holy Spirit. Even when Peter and John were arrested, he continued to be bold! Peter never stopped preaching the good news, and traveling and writing letters (which became part of the Bible) until he died. Was this because Peter was always bold and courageous?

No! The Holy Spirit made Peter into a new, bold, roaring lion! If He can do that for Peter, He can do it for you! It's easy to be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak in your new language. Would you pray with me? It's time for a new boldness, and being filled with the Spirit is where we start. Pray this with me:

Father, I am Your child. You are my Father and Jesus is my Savior. I want all of You!

Your Word tells me in Luke 11:10-13, if I ask, I will receive the Holy Spirit. So, Jesus, I ask You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit. I thank You, Jesus. I believe the Holy Spirit is within me in Jesus' Name.

Holy Spirit, give me a new language as I praise God. I give You my mouth to speak with other tongues, as You give me the utterance.

Now, Superkid, open your mouth and let the words come out as He gives them to you. You just add the sound! He will do the rest, including adding that courage and boldness! Not only that, He also adds power to your life! Pray in the Holy Spirit anytime you want. And any time you feel troubled or sad, there is instant help in the Holy Spirit.

Superkid, this is just the beginning of your life with the Spirit of Help, Comfort and Wisdom. He will make sure you hear everything Jesus is saying to you! And THAT makes you BOLD and courageous like that lion.

You can truly ROAR in your heavenly language! And we will all say, **"It's impossible for us to stop speaking about all the things we've seen and heard!"**

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