

# Boldly On Mission

## (Acts 4:1-22)

### Introduction

Call me a nerd if you like, but I enjoy reading the mission statements of various companies. A mission statement is a company's declaration of why they exist; their justification for existing in the business world. Here are some examples . . .

**McDonald's brand mission** is to be our customers' favorite place and way to eat and drink.

**Starbucks' mission** to inspire and nurture the human spirit – one person, one cup and one neighborhood at a time.

**Kroger's mission** is to be a leader in the distribution and merchandising of food, pharmacy, health and personal care items, seasonal merchandise, and related products and services."

**Wal Mart's mission** is to save people money so they can live better."

**Nike's mission** to bring inspiration and innovation to every athlete in the world.

**Google's mission** is to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful

**While this may seem simplistic, what is the mission of church?** Why does Celebration Baptist Church exist in this community?

In order to answer that we must understand what God is doing in this world first. God's mission in this world is to redeem a special people to Himself from all of the peoples of the world.

Jesus is the embodiment of that mission

The Holy Spirit is the power of that mission

The Church is the instrument of that mission

The Culture is the context of that mission.

**I Peter 2:9** says, *“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”*

**Contextualize Acts 4:1-10.**

**Contextualize Acts Series.**

## **I. Faith Was Meant To Be Public, Not Private** **(4:1-9)**

**A) Demonstrated their faith (3:1-10)**

**B) Declared their faith (4:1-2)**

**C) Defended their faith (4:3-9)**

Note: We live in a day when people are OK with your faith provided it is private, not public.

## **II. The Holy Spirit is Strength For Mission** **(Acts 4:9-12)**

**A) Opportunities are everywhere (Acts 3:1, 3:11, 4:5)**

**B) God gave you the opportunity because he wants to use you!**

**C) The Holy Spirit will strengthen you.**

**Note:** Living on mission is simply engaging people with the purpose of moving them closer to trusting Jesus.

### **III. Gaining Boldness For Mission (Acts 4:13-23)**

- A) Determine who you are going to please (4:17-20)**
- B) Spend time with Jesus (4:13, 20)**
- C) Spend time with other like-minded believers (4:23)**
- D) Know that God has your back**

### **Conclusion.**

Don't limit the idea of living on mission to the professionals or to the mature – you can do this.

Don't complicate it, just talk to people.

Don't force it, it will flow.