

# “HIS VOICE MAKES OUR WORDS BOLD”

Look at two passages today: John 10 and Acts 4

## John 10

v. 13 No hired hand here

- He doesn't run
- He lays down His life for His sheep

v. 16 Sheep listen to His voice  
The shepherd's voice v. 3-5

- They know it
- They hear it
- They follow it

v.16 Other sheep who are not of this fold – but NEED to be

## Acts 4

There are now 5,000 believers!

Setting: Healing a “Lame Beggar” (Acts 3:8 – 11)

Temple officials arrest Peter and John as they are speaking (4:1-2)

Kind of a “repeat gathering” from a few weeks before

v. 7 By what POWER do you do this?

v. 8-12 Bible answers their question: Filled with the Holy Spirit

v. 13 Perceived as uneducated, common – astonished  
Recognized they had been with Jesus

v. 18 Charged them to no longer speak or teach in the name of Jesus  
Options: slink away, acquiesce, stand firm?

v. 19 They stand firm – they don't run away  
These are not hired hands (John 10)  
Jesus' words, actions, resurrection are their own – “Rising!”  
They made HIS their own

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- You're not a \_\_\_\_\_ – you are an adopted son and daughter
- Hear His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it
- Holy Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_ you – speak confidently of what you have seen and heard
- May others recognize that “you have been with Jesus.”