

SCCC – I CAN'T BE QUIET

S – Scriptures

“Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.” Acts 4: 18

C – Consideration

The first detailed miracle happened in one of the temple gates – in Acts 2: 43 we are told that many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. Through the healing of the man who was forty years old and crippled, about two thousand new converts were added to their numbers; however, we also learned about the first imprisonment of Jesus's followers. Christianity was a movement that started to shake the dead and corrupted religion in Jerusalem. Their leaders, who had killed Jesus a few months earlier, had to face a new reality - Jesus of Nazareth living inside of His followers' hearts in the person of the Holy Spirit. They asked two questions to Peter and John: “By what power or what name did you do this?” Amazingly, the next verse answered the first one: “Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit ...” And, the second one followed: “: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.” Then, Peter gave the most powerful statement of the entire Bible: “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” As the narrative goes on, the apostles were put in prison. Before their release they were told not to speak about Jesus anymore

C –Commitment

As Luke describes the events, they both went to the other disciples and shared their testimonies. The next thing they did, they prayed, “...Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” They knew the Master's command to preach the gospel into the ends of the earth. They also knew about the persecutions, beatings and even death they would face in their mission, for Jesus had warned them before. Therefore, their prayer was God's will, and the Lord answered, “After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly....With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all.” In view of this amazing truth for the followers of Christ, I have to choose which road I will take. To imitate a compromised dead religion or to be a faithful servant of Jesus. I made up my mind. I want to act like the apostles; I want to pray like the apostles; I want to see what they saw; I want to be faithful like they were; I want to serve my brothers and sisters as they did. I don't want to be part of some corrupt Christianity of our days that has compromised the truth with their political correctness and no longer preach to the lost the absolute truth: “Only Jesus Christ, who died on the cross and rose again, can save sinners.” I want to look for and to

join the true disciples, so that we can intercede before the Father, to continue to proclaim the Gospel

C – Call

My Heavenly Father, You answered the prayer of the disciples and they got strength and power from the Holy Spirit to preach Jesus with signs, miracles, and wonders. My God, enable Your servants of my generation to do the same. Enable me to preach and to teach in Jesus' name. Deliver me from compromise, or from denying my Savior. Give to me and to the faithful ones boldness to proclaim the Good News to those who have not yet heard about it yet. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.