SMITH FOR CHRIST

TEACHING THE WORD · WATCHING THE TIMES

REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Acts

Chapter 4

No Other Name

MEMORY VERSE · ACTS 4:12

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Acts 4

Peter once denied Jesus in the high priest's courtyard; in Acts 4 he stands before that same court and will not stop talking about Him. This week the chapter asks you to spend time with Jesus until it shows, to speak of what He has done for you, and to pray for boldness when life threatens — knowing God's hand is over it all.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The full Deep Dive, the O·I·A study and the slides for this chapter are on the Acts study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

Arrested, Yet Growing

READ · ACTS 4:1–4

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Why were the leaders "greatly disturbed," what did they do to Peter and John, and what happened to the number of believers anyway (4:2–4)?

REFLECT

The apostles spent the night in jail, yet "many of those who had heard the message believed" (4:4). Where has God used a hard night in your life to grow something good?

REFLECT

The leaders were upset that Peter preached "the resurrection from the dead" (4:2). Why do you think the news that Jesus is alive threatens people who want to stay in control?

RESPOND — TODAY

Thank God today for one hard season He has already used for good, and ask Him to do it again in what you are facing now.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (ACTS 4:12)

DAY 2 OF 5

No Other Name

READ · ACTS 4:5–12

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What question did the rulers ask, and how did Peter answer it about the name of Jesus (4:7, 10, 12)?

REFLECT

Peter faced the same court where he had denied Jesus, this time "filled with the Holy Spirit" (4:8). What failure in your past do you think disqualifies you — and what does Peter's story say about it?

REFLECT

Peter says there is "no other name under heaven … by which we must be saved" (4:12). What other "names" — people, habits, programs, your own effort — have you trusted to save you?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write out Acts 4:12 on a card and say it out loud three times today; tell Jesus He is the only name you are trusting.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (ACTS 4:12)

DAY 3 OF 5

Been with Jesus

READ · ACTS 4:13–22

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did the council notice about Peter and John, and what did the apostles say when they were told to stop speaking (4:13, 19–20)?

REFLECT

The leaders could tell these untrained men "had been with Jesus" (4:13). If someone watched you this week, what would tell them you have been with Him — and what might hide it?

REFLECT

Peter and John said, "we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard" (4:20). What have you seen Jesus do — in your life or another man's — that you have kept quiet about?

RESPOND — TODAY

Spend ten quiet minutes with Jesus in prayer before you start your day, then tell one person one thing you have seen Him do.

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DAY 4 OF 5

Pray for Boldness

READ · ACTS 4:23–31

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How did the believers begin their prayer, what did they ask for, and what happened when they finished praying (4:24, 29, 31)?

REFLECT

When threatened, they asked God to "take note of their threats" and give them "all confidence" to speak (4:29), not to make the trouble go away. What threat are you facing, and what would it look like to pray that way about it?

REFLECT

They said their enemies did only "whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur" (4:28). How does knowing God is in charge change the way you look at what scares you?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pray the church's prayer in your own words today: name what threatens you, and ask God for boldness rather than escape.

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DAY 5 OF 5

One Heart and Soul

READ · ACTS 4:32–37

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How does Luke describe the believers' hearts, what did they do with their possessions, and what was Barnabas's nickname (4:32, 34–36)?

REFLECT

"Not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own" (4:32). What do you hold onto as "mine" that God might want you to share with a brother in need?

REFLECT

The apostles called Joseph "Son of Encouragement" (4:36). What would the men around you call you — and who could use your encouragement this week?

RESPOND — TODAY

Meet one real need you know about this week — a meal, a ride, some money, your time — and give it quietly, without being asked.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

Peter stood before the very court where he had denied Jesus (4:6–10). How can our group help a man who is ashamed of his past step back into faithfulness?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

The council tried to stop the apostles from speaking "in this name" (4:17–18). Where do we feel pressure to stay quiet about Jesus, and how can we help each other speak up with respect?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

The first church shared so that "there was not a needy person among them" (4:34). What is one need in our group or community we could meet together this month?

MY PRAYER

Sovereign Lord, You see what threatens me this week, so instead of asking You only to take it away, I ask You to…

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · ACTS 4:12

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