

Power to Face Opposition: The name of Jesus (Acts 3; 4:1-31; 5:17-42)

Facing opposition as a Christian

- 1. Power in the name of Jesus (3:1-10)**
- 2. Proclaiming the name of Jesus (3:11-4:22)**
- 3. Praying in the name of Jesus (4:23-31)**
- 4. Perseverance in the name of Jesus (5:17-42)**

Digging Deeper Questions

Have you ever faced opposition in being a Christian? How did you respond to this? Did it make you want to stop sharing your faith?

Have you cut yourself off from non-Christians since you came to Christ? How might you reconnect with people? How can we stop new Christians coming in to PBC from losing their non-Christian friendships?

Why is it so hard mentioning the name 'Jesus' to others?

What part(s) of the Gospel message about Jesus are we most likely to miss out or skip over? Why is this? Does it matter?

Why did the fact that Peter and John had "been with Jesus" make such a difference to their lives? What does it mean to "be with Jesus"?

Have you ever prayed specifically for God's power to speak up for Him? What happened if you did? Why not pray that prayer together!

What lessons can we learn from the apostles in these stories about persevering for Christ despite opposition? How "good" really is the news about Jesus to you? (5:42)