

Title: Boldness

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Welcome to the Garden this morning. We love the Lord, and we believe that our worship, our adoration, our praise, is a daily experience. We have every day to know God, love God, worship God, and give Him all our high praise, whether we're on our face, jumping for joy, or singing a song while we drive. In the Word that we believe, it is the believer's lifestyle, to worship God with all of your heart. Yes, to love Him with all of our heart, soul, mind will, strength and our bodies. Our bodies raise our hands. We may kneel on the ground. We may fall on the floor. We may be in tears. We may be jumping for joy, raising a flag, or lifting our hands, but it all comes out of the heart. That's where worship comes from, and we have all eternity.

One day, we're really going to get face to face. It's going to be really real to see our Lord and to praise Him, worship Him, and to join all of Heaven and all the saints of God. My God, how glorious this is. Religion is boring, but the Kingdom of Heaven is full of life. So, be encouraged in your worship. You know, as you go along the way, sometimes the Spirit just bubbles out of you and you're praising the Lord. *You* didn't plan on it. *You* didn't wake up to think, I'm going to sing the Scripture today or sing this song. It just comes out of your spirit-man. This is our lifestyle, and He's worthy of all of our praise, especially when we're going through difficult times. It may take everything in your heart to open your mouth and just bless the Lord. "Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, let everything in me praise His name." But, that is our call and privilege as the Body of Christ. So, how awesome that we have the freedom to do this. Yes, that's so awesome.

Well, we're going to talk on boldness today. This may be a couple of parts. Everybody say, "Boldness." Everybody say, "Spirit-man up, front and center." Okay, say it again. "Spirit-man up, front and center." Alright, you know you are spirit, soul and body, and your spirit is one. That's where the Spirit of God lives. Yes, and He is redeeming our soul. He's saving, sozo, our soul. He's delivering us, healing us, making us more like Him, bringing conviction, and repentance. That's why the spirit is completely one with the Lord. Yes, the Spirit of the Lord is one, and we are one with the Lord. Glory to God. Now the spirit invades our soul, our mind, will and emotion. It hits our body, and before you know it, our body went, hallelujah, right? It just looks like that. So, be encouraged that the Spirit of God has chosen to live in us.

You know, "With God, all things are possible." "With God, all things are possible." Okay, I'll say it again. "With God, all things are possible." That's a limitless God. Okay? "With God, all things are possible." We need to always believe this. Not just when you're going through difficulties, but through everyday life. "With God, all things are possible," because there'll be circumstances come our way where we're going to need Holy Ghost boldness. We're going to need courage. We're going to need strength. We're going to need insight from Heaven. If my heart is fixed, that "With God, all things are possible. It keeps me fixed in faith, because it goes back on God. I'm just aligning with Him. I'm just going to believe Him. I choose to believe what He says, and that's where the Kingdom of Heaven manifests.

Through God's Word, we know we've got a whole Bible. We've got a whole testimony that reveals how good God is from Genesis to the end. We see His mercy, and His goodness. We see His power in and through vessels of honor. Say, "I'm a vessel of honor." We are. It's okay to say that. You're not being proud and boasting. You're acknowledging that God Almighty has saved you. Now He's taking you from being a child of wrath, appointed to wrath and eternal condemnation, to a vessel of honor, to a child of God, to saints of the Most High, and to the

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family of God. You've been promoted out of death into life. You've been translated and transported out of darkness and into marvelous light. You've come out of the kingdom of darkness and entered the kingdom of light. "With God, all things are possible."

The devil's a liar. He comes to kill, steal and destroy. But Jesus said, "I've come to give you life and life more abundantly." This is eternal life, that we believe in the Son. The Spirit of God is teaching us every day. You can read the same scripture you have been reading for 50 years, and He just breathes on it. It's like, "How long has that been in my Bible?" He touches you every day in miraculous ways that we have eyes to see, we have ears to hear. We have a heart that's understanding. The Spirit is teaching us. He is instructing us. He is molding us. He's fashioning us. He's created us for His purposes. Yes, even though we're all different, it's the same Lord, same God, same Word, same Spirit. God is always revealing His great mercy, goodness and power. God is always revealing His great mercy, goodness and power.

Psalm 27:13 NKJV

"I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."

"I would have lost heart unless, I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." I pray this probably just out of my spirit every week. It's just a part of me that I decree and declare, "I believe I see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." You see, it's just who we are? I would have lost heart. I mean, that's when we're lost and without hope. We have no hope. But now that we are in God, in Christ, He is our God. I know Whom I believe in, and I will see the goodness of the Lord where I am. I will see the goodness of the Lord every day. I wake up expecting to see the goodness of God every day. You have 24 hours there. So, if you wake up in the night, hey, that's awesome, too. But, it's just our lifestyle. "I believe I see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." God is good.

Now, two quick testimonies. I'm sure if you watch the news, we have a lot to give God high praise for, as believers, in the time that we're living right now. My goodness, every time you turn around, there's another testimony of the goodness of God. I believe, through the most recent military helicopter crashes and such, one of the pilots was lost. They searched and they found him. His text was, "God is good." Now, don't you tell me God's not talking, because the goodness of the Lord is being manifest in the land of the living north, south, east, west and every point in between. In every continent, in the desert, in a mountain where nobody can find you but a satellite and the Holy Ghost. Somebody had to say, "God is good." Let's just spread that. Let that be code for, "I'm alive. Come find me." You understand? Don't take that for granted. I have an ear to hear. I have an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying. Yes, these things matter in life. It's just part of our testimony. Because, even if you are a heathen and not saved yet, then in your circumstances, you may just, by the grace of God, have to proclaim, "God is good." Because, that's what He does. He's going to bear witness of Himself.

In another beautiful testimony, I was watching a brief interview of the astronaut crew from Artemis. When one guy got up to talk, all he could say was, "I just want to thank God." When you go into the universe and see the moon and the stars and everything else, all he could say was, "I just want to thank God." He is saying, "God is good." I mean, we can look up at the night sky and give Him glory, honor and praise. But how much more, if we were to go up there? We just get in an airplane. You're like, "Whoa, God is good." Right? But, going into outer space and seeing all that He has created? Just gets it outside of the box. It lifts up our heart. It lifts up our soul. It lifts up our hands to magnify the Lord. Not just when things go well for you, but in general, because we are living, breathing witnesses. We believe that we see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Even when we just give a cold drink of water to those in need, the goodness of God is being manifested. Amen.

Psalm 52:1b NKJV

“The goodness of God endures continually.”

So, there's no end to God's goodness. “The goodness of God endures continually.” God is good. That's who He is, and that's why Jesus said, “My Father and I are one, and He is good.” Jesus boasted in this, “God is good.” Yes, the Lord God is good. Your Father is good, okay? I am the Good Shepherd, okay? I'm just like Him. There's a good Holy Ghost that's going to come and change us from glory to glory. “The goodness of God endures continually.” No matter what trial you're going through, and no matter how difficult it may seem. This is where our spirit-man came up front and center to identify with what God is saying, and we agree with God. So anytime you agree with God, the Kingdom of Heaven is going to be revealed. Every time I believe God's Word, the Kingdom of Heaven is going to be revealed. That's the truth. Every time I believe what He said, and I say what He says, the Kingdom of Heaven is going to manifest. Something good is going to happen. Truth. That's called redemption. That's called revelation knowledge of Jesus. I mean, you can be in your sleepest moment and tired, then read something. All of a sudden, you're awakened, because the Spirit of God breathed in you to sustain you and gives you energy and strength again. Now you are good. “I know in Whom I believe,” yes!

Romans 2:4b NKJV

“The goodness of God leads you to repentance.”

It's the goodness of God that leads us to repentance. It was His grace, His mercy, His loving kindness, yes, His faithfulness. The goodness of God, yes, is going around doing good. It was the goodness of God that gave us repentance. I cannot repent without God's Spirit. No one can repent and change their ways without Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit of Truth who brings repentance period, end of discussion. You cannot be born again except by the Spirit. John chapter 3, “You must be born again.” Okay? So it is the Spirit that breathes life into you and calls your spirit-man up front and center. Just like I called you to attention there. It gets you attentive and listening. Even in your darkest hour or when you're in a tragedy, like that poor gentleman that was in the woods. He ejected out of the plane. I don't know his story, but he had to say something about God. “God is good,” amen.

You understand, no matter where we find ourselves, it is the goodness of God that is leading us to repentance, and that changes the way we think. Repentance is changing the way we're thinking. Yes, we can get in ruts. Y'all say, “ruts.” Alright. We know what ruts are, but we don't want to get in a rut. I want to be a living, breathing vessel for God, no matter what is going on around me. I am resolved to, “see the goodness of the Lord in a land of living.” We see how God, who is good, transforms common people. Say, “that's me.” He empowers us to be bold. Okay, He does. He empowers us to be bold. He empowers us to be determined. He empowers us to be fearless. He empowers us to be confident, in order to accomplish His will. Because Jesus taught us, “Not My will, but Your will be done.” So, we're living for the Father's will to be accomplished in our lives. It is God who is good, empowering us to be bold, determined, fearless, and confident in order to accomplish His will.

It's not always easy. Yes, there's stress in this life, but He calls us overcomers. There's a great reward that you see in the end of Revelation of those blessings coming to overcomers. Yes, to those who overcome are great eternal rewards. To those who overcome are great eternal rewards. Yes, that is the goodness of God in the land of the living. He assists His family to be great volunteers in the day of His power. He calls them into acts and works that will defy human efforts. Truth. He calls us to in acts and works that will defy human efforts of our flesh. We are nothing, but He'll take our flesh and transform us. He allows us to rise above the norm and walk in a manner that pleases God, and it's all by faith. We please God every day by faith.

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By faith, we believe, yes. I don't have to get a sign, a memo or an angel to come from Heaven. I'm just being obedient to God. I know by faith His goodness is being revealed to me in the land of the living. He is good. He's with me, He's in me, and He's leading me into all truth. He's giving me power. He's making me fearless, confident, and determined, so that I can accomplish my daily tasks and His will in life, truth.

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

“But without faith, it is impossible to please Him.”

He just wants us to believe Him. That's what He said. “I would have lost heart, unless I had believed I would see the goodness of God in the land of the living.” That's way before Christ. Okay, I believe in my heart and confess with my mouth, Jesus is Lord. This is an act of faith. “But without faith, it is impossible to please Him, because He who comes to God must believe that He is, and He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Oh, my goodness, just one glance of His eyes and you're undone. He is a diligent Rewarder. He is a diligent Rewarder to those who diligently seek Him. God is not stingy. He is not holding back. He wants our heart. He wants our worship. He wants us to trust Him. He wants us to look for the goodness of the Lord and rejoice in everything I can find throughout the day. “That's God, wow.” Someone talked about birds earlier. “Did you see that bird?” “You know, that's an amazing thing.”

All of our hearts are turning upward to a good God, and it's all by faith. This pleases the Lord. God's going to lead His family as we pursue and honor Him and His Kingdom. “Seek you first, the Kingdom of Heaven and His righteousness and everything else will be added to us. He empowers us through Holy Spirit and our divine calling. Say, “a divine calling.” Say it again, “a divine calling.” Okay, that's God's calling on our lives. He gives us purposes in life. We were born for this. God empowers us with His boldness.

Now *we will* look at what boldness means just for fun, in case you didn't know, and some examples from the Bible and the Strong's. Boldness is defined as, “freedom in speaking.” Who needs that? Raise your hand. We all do my goodness. “Freedom in speaking, openness, or frank. Be frank. I'm being frank with you, without concealment, free and fearless confidence, cheerful courage.” I love that and assurance. Boldness is defined as freedom in speaking, because I know without the Holy Ghost, man...

Some, don't know my story, but I'm just saying. Okay, we went to a normal church. Let's say we went to visit a Methodist church when Jeff and I were married. I was pregnant with Amber. We had just been born again. He's dragging me in. Do you know what that means? That means he's leading and holding my hand to walk in, and then I want to sit on the back row. You understand? It's that timidity I was in. Bound to a spirit of fear. I had no confidence. Everything was new to me. I've been to church all my life. My mom and me just came in, sat down in the row, did worship, stood up a few times, quoted some scriptures, sang some songs, and we left. I didn't have to talk to anybody. I did not pray for anybody. Alright, I can read the Bible when I wanted to. You understand that's part of our growth. There comes a time after years with all our babies, we have six kids, and so years later we get the Spirit, and everything changed. Then I kind of move from worshiping on the back row to lifting my hand. I remember when I got it to here, then I remember when I got it to there, I remember when I raised both hands. I remember when I clapped. I remember when I fell on my face. I remember when I picked up a tambourine. I remember when I picked up flags. I remember when I danced for joy. I remember when I came up front. Because, with babies, you have to be on the back row, with all the books, toys and Cheerios. That's what you do. I understand everybody has children here, but they're raised up in the Kingdom. They're being raised up. They are not intimidated with the presence of the Lord. We have littles who come up here and dance and wave a little flag. They've got little tambourines. They are so ready to worship God. Yes, it looks like this.

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It takes boldness as we open up to the Spirit of Truth. It looks like that. Then we train others up. We train others up, and it's just lifestyle. It's easy to get on your knees in your bedroom before God, versus coming to the church of the living God and getting on your knees in prayer where somebody else might see you, right? Like, "I really feel like I'm supposed to get on my knees right now and repent." Okay? This is like church history, okay? Then the Spirit of God moves on you, and before you know it, you're on your knees crying out to God for help. Crying out to God for help, or to know Him, or in real repentance, truth. Not everybody has this radical conversion where you're just bawling and crying before the church. It's just happened as you were on your couch, or in the backyard, or under the tree, and all of a sudden the Spirit of God came. You knew in Whom you believed, and you made Jesus your Lord and Savior. But this is what it looks like, one step at a time, in the Kingdom of Heaven, reading your Bible for the first time, reading it out loud. I remember when I read out loud from the Bible in a small group. I remember. I can see it well. It took everything I had, and that's before I was filled with the Spirit, but it looks like that, little by little.

You understand, boldness is not just for some strong minister to go out into all the world and save souls. It's for every day saints and everyday life. It happens in the House of God. We're growing every time we enter into the House of God. We're being powered by Jesus's boldness, freedom and speaking. Think about it. Think about that openness. Whereas once you weren't very open about sharing your testimony, now you're like, who can I tell? It doesn't matter. I'm open, I'm honest. I contribute. You want to know how to get saved. I will tell you how to get saved. Instead of, "Go talk to the pastor. He'll be there at 11 tonight. You get to lead someone to Jesus. That takes boldness, yes. Boldness, "Being frank and without concealment, free and fearless confidence, boldness and cheerful courage. I love that, and assurance.

Blessed assurance, the dictionary defines as "not hesitating." Oh, we've all hesitated. Oh, my goodness, you hesitated. You know what that feels like. You're going to and then you stood back. You hesitated. I was going to ask God for that. But then, whoop, you drew back. It's the flesh. It's just the flesh. It's just the flesh. We weren't confident in our asking. "I really feel like we need a new car right now, but I really don't know if I should ask that, because, after all, we really don't have the funding for it." But then the Spirit of God in you gives you courage to be bold, to ask the Father. "My Father, we need a new car. I thank you for it in Jesus name." Wow, that moves Heaven. You know what's coming? The new car, amen. I've got all kinds of testimonies to back up what I'm saying. Okay, it's the truth. Not hesitating, even in prayer.

Don't hesitate when you need something, to ask your Father in Heaven. Don't hesitate to ask Him. Talk to Him. Be bold, be open, because you know He's good. Okay, do not hesitate, do not be fearful in the face of actual or possible danger. That's boldness, to be able to face danger, to be bold in danger, that's incredible. That's by the Spirit of God. Yes, even if you're being rebuked, there's a boldness that comes when you have to rebuke, or if you're being rebuked. You know, God will rebuke us. He will correct us. He's a faithful Father. He tells us to be valiant, brave, adventurous and fearless. Now, that sounds great on paper. It makes a good movie, but let's get real. Okay, we're dealing with the soul, and everyone of us, male or female, old and youngest, has to go through this. The Holy Ghost makes us like Jesus.

He's the one who empowers us each day. Think of teachers in here. We have some teachers. *Remember* your very first time you taught your first class? Maybe nurses who deliver babies, *remember* your first baby you had to deliver? It doesn't matter what we do in life, truth? We need boldness there. We need courage there. We stepped out into something new. We got a new job, so we're going to have to learn a lot. But in life, this is where the Spirit of God will meet us. It's not just in ministry things, but everyday life. "I'm convinced I see the goodness of God in the land of the living." Where I live, all I do, and everything I put my hands to do. God is good, truth!

Proverbs 14:26 NKJV

“In the fear of the Lord, there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge.”

“In the fear of the Lord, in the fear of the Lord, in the fear of the Lord, there is strong confidence,” because who is our confidence in, the Lord? If we have the fear of the Lord, that means He's first, okay? “Fear God, and keep His commandments,” right? “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” It's the fear of the Lord that got us saved. Okay? Without the fear of the Lord, we wouldn't repent and come to Jesus Christ. It is the Spirit of the fear of the Lord that moves upon our heart, and our eyes are open. Our heart is open. The veil is removed, and we believe, yes, “in the goodness of God, in the land of living.” Well, “in the fear of the Lord, there is strong confidence. In the fear of the Lord, there's strong confidence.” That's why for Jesus, His delight was the fear of the Lord, and He was the most confident person on the planet. His faith was in God, in His word, and what the Spirit of truth would do. “In the fear of the Lord, there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge.” God's children will have a place of refuge, not just in times of danger. You understand, it is a holy habitation? It is a dwelling with and abiding in the fear of the Lord. Confident assurance that God is good and He is with me. He loves me. Yes, strong confidence.

Proverbs 28:1 NKJV

“The wicked flee when nobody pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.”

Anybody in here ever wrestled a lion? I haven't either, but I've seen them. Their roar is incredible. “The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.” You understand this, and our God is known as the “Lion of the tribe of Judah.” Because, “His delight is in the fear of the Lord. His house is a place of refuge. The righteous are as bold as a lion.”

Psalms 138:3 NKJV

“In the day, when I cried out, You answered me and made me bold with strength in my soul.”

My soul, mind, will, and emotion, my soul. “In the day when I cried out, You answered me,” God, and You made me bold with strength in my soul.” That's the human crying out to God, acknowledging that God empowers us, strengthens us, emboldens us, gives us courage, helps us in life, in daily decisions, and as we go along the way. Yes, “I'm bold as a lion,” and “I'm bold with strength in my soul.”

Hebrews 4:16 NLT

“So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy. We will find grace to help us when we need it most.”

Isn't that wonderful? “Let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God,” our good God. “Let us come boldly.” Don't hesitate. Don't be timid. Come before Him in the fear of the Lord with great joy. He's your Father. Tell Him all that's in your heart. He is gracious, and “There you will receive His mercy and find grace to help us when we need it the most.” He's not going to abandon us in our trial. He is not going to abandon us in our deliverance. He is not going to abandon us in our journeys. Yes, so we need boldness. We need courage. We need confidence that our God is a consuming fire and He is with us. Amen. The Spirit of God will give us boldness.

He empowers us to be courageous and obey God. Doing the right thing takes courage. Saying the right words takes courage. Standing in truth and believing for a miracle takes courage. Believing that your paycheck is going to come forth and you're going to pay those bills takes

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courage. Believing that your child will be healed from their affliction takes courage. Believing for your great aunt to be saved takes courage. Because you know, "God is good." As long as we're on the planet, everywhere I go, goodness is going to follow me, because He is in me, He is with me, and He is for me. I have this confidence that with my God, "All things are possible, with God." I'm not God. I just believe Him. Say it. "I'm not God, I just believe Him." Because, see, it says in the scripture that, "With God, all things are possible." See, that's our God. Hallelujah!

Philippians 4:13 AMP

The apostle Paul said this. "I can do all things which He, God, has called me to do through Him who strengthens and empowers me to fulfill His purpose. I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency. I am ready for anything, and equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace."

Wow. Christ, who is your life. Yes, "Christ in you the hope of glory. I can do all things. I can do all things which He has called me to do through Him who strengthens and empowers me." Every day, we are being strengthened and empowered. Yes, we're not just going through daily life doing what we have to do. Every day, shift the way we're thinking. "I have purpose, and I am fulfilling those purposes that God has for me. With Christ sufficiency, I'm ready for anything." So when you didn't expect something to show up in your day, and that appeared on your daily schedule that day, welcome to the Kingdom of Heaven. There is an opportunity, and right there you will feel that opportunity to step in. Do I say something? What do I do here? There's the courage, there's the boldness, there's the tenacity of the Spirit of God to meet you, no matter what is in your day. Yes, "I can do anything. He brings me inner strength and confident peace." That is encouraging, "With God, all things are possible." You'll have to hear it, "With God, all things are possible."

Where have I been believing a lie saying that's not true? You get to go before the Lord, okay. Where have I been struggling here, right? Where have I been timid or shy? Where am I holding back? Where am I lacking boldness and courage and believing this? God will work with us because He is good. So, "I'm convinced I will see the goodness of God in the land of living." I know that when I die, I'm going to go to Heaven. "But I just get to live in hell the whole time I'm on Earth." No, that is not the scripture. Christ died for the ungodly. He died for us to be redeemed, and to empower us in this life with His Holy Ghost. He gives us courage, boldness, confidence, assurance and we believe Him and take Him at His word.

Now we've been reading some accounts out of Acts chapters three and four. Wow. The Holy Ghost had just been poured up on the Church. Many multitudes were saved. Peter and John are going around doing good, and the saints are doing good. There's opportunity being given to proclaim the name of Jesus even to the rulers.

Acts 4:12-22 NKJV

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

That's what, Jesus, yes! There is salvation in no other name under Heaven. "No other name under Heaven can men be saved except through the name of Jesus." Verse 13, "Now, when they saw the boldness of Peter and John." They saw it. They saw it. They didn't just hear it. They saw it. Wow. I see your boldness. Yes. I see the word of life coming out of you. I see that you need to be saved and God's not mocked. Be not deceived. God is not mocked. That's the truth right. Be not deceived. God is not mocked. This is the truth of the Word of God. "When they saw the boldness of Peter and John and they perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled." They're shocked, saying, "Who's this? Who are they?"

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“And they realize they had been with Jesus.” There it is. There it is. Verse 14, “And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.” Verse 15, “But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves.” Verse 16, “Saying, “What shall we do with these men? For indeed, that a notable miracle had been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.” They could not deny that the lame walk and the blind see. They could not deny the miracles. But like, how can we work around this? Right? The goodness of God is manifesting and our religion is not making it work here. Something happened outside of the box with uneducated and unlearned men. Yes, what is going on here? This rocked their world. People are getting saved. Yes, the Spirit of God has been poured out on the Church. Verse 17, “But so that it spreads no further among the people.” That's the devil's work. “Let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.” They do not want them telling anybody else about Jesus. Verse 18, “So they called them, and they commanded them not to speak at all, nor teach in the name of Jesus.” That's bold. Verse 19, “But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it's right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.” Verse 20, “For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.” Verse 21, “So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done.” Verse 22, “For that man was over 40 years was old whom the miracle of healing had been performed.” I mean, they could not deny it. The man is healed after 40 years of infirmity. This is clearly there. It does not make sense to humans. It is a spiritual battle. Yes, all should be glorifying God for this. All should recognize that that was God's saving hand, you see? But, there's a competition between a religious spirit, and the Spirit of God, who chooses freely when to do it, and how to do it. It's all Jesus. It's all Jesus. It's all Jesus working through the saints of God, who were convinced at this time that God is good. Wow, that's awesome.

Acts 4:29-31 NKJV

“Now Lord, look on their threats and grant to your servants that with all boldness we would speak your word, stretching out your hand to heal, that signs and wonders may be done through the name of your holy servant, Jesus.” Verse 31, “And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken, and they were all filled with Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.”

This was after the outpouring of the Holy Ghost in Acts chapter two, and 5000 were saved. This is after that first infilling. God goes from boldness, to boldness, to boldness, to boldness. Courage, to courage, strength to strength, and another fresh infilling, but they were tested. They were put on trial by religion. Yes, by the devil, who says, “This has to stop.” Because, “With God, all things are possible here.” Wow, I have to come back against this.” They go straight to the Lord, “Consider their threats and grant Your servants boldness to speak Your word.” He showed up. We will heal, and signs and wonders are going to be done through Jesus. They proclaimed it. That's what they said. You see their boldness, that wasn't their flesh. But their flesh was submerged into and baptized into the Holy Ghost and fire. Their flesh was baptized into the Holy Ghost and fire, and transformed, transformed, transformed. By the time you get to the end of the book, they're just miraculous. Peter's just walking down the street, and the presence of God is healing everybody on the left and everybody on the right. You understand, I'm trying to tell you the truth. This is our Scripture. This is Jesus Christ, amen. “When they prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken. They were filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.” They had to speak the word of God with boldness. You see it?

You know, I didn't start out real bold, and most of y'all probably didn't either. We are learning. We're all growing. I know what it's like to be freshly born again. It's my favorite time, because

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the saints are just receiving everything from God. You believe it. You read it. You're like, Yeah, I believe God. Right? Fresh off the press. It's really wonderful.

Second Corinthians 3:12 NKJV

“Therefore since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech.”

This is from the Apostle Paul. “Since we have such hope.” We have great hope. We have great hope. Say, “I have great hope, so therefore I have great boldness of speech.” No matter who you're talking to, an uncle, an aunt, a friend, a co worker, someone on the street, the lost on a mission, or in a dream. It does not matter where we are, because of hope, we have bold speech. I can speak to you as one who has received hope. I have received hope, I have received courage, and I can speak to you and testify to you of the goodness of God, even if you're going through a hard time. “He is not a man that He should lie.” He didn't change because your week was hard, right? He doesn't change. He's not flippant. He's not oscillating up and down. “He's the same yesterday, today and forever.” He hasn't changed since we're reading these testimonies. It's the same God. This is the same Lord. It's the same Spirit. He gives us boldness of speech. He wants to sharpen us and give us more. Remember, you can read all this at home.

Ephesians 3:10-12 NKJV

“To the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church.”

The manifold wisdom of God is going to be revealed through and by the church. “To the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.” Verse 11, That's boldness. “According to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus, our Lord,” Verse 12, “In whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.” I have boldness and I have access. I am confident in the Lord. I am confident by faith. We are confident in the Lord. I'm confident in the Lord. Say, “I'm confident in the Lord, therefore I have bold speech.” It's like, I'm talking like I've been leading 60,000 people to Christ. I just went to Walmart, and led one person to Christ. But, this boldness comes out of you. You just testified to somebody or a relative, that you're intimidated by, for the first time. Like you've been preaching and leading families to Christ since you were 10. It is the confidence of the Holy Ghost in you, no matter what you have to face. Amen, boldness. We have confidence through faith in Him. It's all the Lord.

Ephesians 6:19-20 NKJV

This was a part of Paul's prayer. “And for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel for which I am an ambassador in chains. That in it, I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”

He sure uses this a lot. You know why? That's what the Spirit of God does to us, truth. It's not dead works. It's not dead religion. It is life in the Spirit. “I want to open up my mouth boldly. I want to make known the mystery of the gospel.” The principalities and powers of the air are shaken because I'm so bold to bring the gospel wherever we go. We bring the gospel, and the principalities and powers of the air shake and tremble. It's the truth. I'm speaking boldly. To live is Christ.

Philippians 1:19-21 NKJV

Apostle Paul says, “For I know that this is going to turn out from my deliverance through your prayer Church and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.” Verse 20, “According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.” Verse 21, “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

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Even if it costs his life, even then he is confident. He has an earnest expectation and hope that he shall not be ashamed. Yes, he's going to be bold in life. He's going to be bold in death. He's going to be bold in life. He's going to be bold, even if they call me home. He knows I am bold in Christ, yes. He has made me bold as a lion. I know that no matter what, or how I find myself, He is bold and courageous in me. He never leaves me, fails me or forsakes me. To live is Christ! To live is Christ, not just going to church, yes? To live is Christ. This is our lifestyle, no matter where we are. This is Who's in us. Oh, my goodness, they went around doing good, healing all who were oppressed by the devil. That's us, say, "that's me," because it's Christ in me doing that work.

First Thessalonians 2:2 NLT

He says, "You know how badly we have been treated at Philippi just before we came to you, and how much we suffered there. Yet our God gave us the courage to declare His good news to you boldly, in spite of great opposition."

Man that's glorious. "You know how badly we had been treated at Philippi just before we came to you and how we suffered there. Yet our God gave us the courage to declare His good news to you boldly, in spite of great opposition." It's one thing, if it's "easy greasy." But *sometimes* there is opposition and push back. The family members don't want to hear about Jesus, and they sure don't want to hear about the Holy Ghost, right? They don't want to hear you keep talking about God. Understand, it's life people? It's just life. You can feel the pushback when you testify of something God did there. They're not sure they believe that or not. This is what it looks like. "He gave me courage to declare God's word boldly." That's what boldness means. We live to please and honor our God.

First Thessalonians 2:4 NLT

"For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News." Which is the gospel. "Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts."

How about that? Isn't that amazing? "We speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people." Because that man pleasing spirit will trip you. Okay, you live to please God first and then you serve others. "He alone examines the motives of our hearts."

First Thessalonians 4:1 NKJV

"Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you shall abound more and more, just as you've received from us how you ought to walk and please God." We are walking with God. We are pleasing God. We are bold because He has made us bold. Yes, He gives us courage. He gives us freedom. He gives us confidence. We're not going to hesitate, right? We're valiant, we're brave, and we're fearless. He makes us bold as lions. He gives strength to our soul. We know that we can go to His throne boldly and ask for anything according to His will. We have been given freedom. We can speak. We can speak with confidence. Yes, He gives us assurance. God is good. God is good. So it's like, you know, "I would have lost heart, if I hadn't believed I would see the goodness of Lord in the land of the living," in my everyday life.

Let's stand up and honor what He's saying. Be encouraged, if you have any intimidation, if you struggle with any spirit of fear or intimidation or lack in any way, we'll pray for you. If you've not been baptized the Holy Ghost and fire, we will pray for you, because He just seems to take you from glory to glory, amen.

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“Father, we honor what you're saying to our hearts, and we thank you that you have made us bold and given us courage and strength. Father, we thank you and we lean in to rely upon you, Lord. That you will take us from glory to glory. So, Father, would you impart to everyone hearing, boldness, courage, confidence, and strength in the Lord, our God. May we, as a body of Christ and believers say, “Yes, God is good.” It's a truth. It's a reality. May every seed that's thrown out there that says, “I just want to thank God,” is going to a globe that needs help and salvation. My God, how you can work with one seed, Lord. So let the fire come across the globe, and now many, many, many souls come to Christ. In Jesus' name, amen. Bless you all.