

Transcript – Boldness, Part 2 – April 26, 2026

Just rest and soak in His presence. And He's always with us, beloved. He's with us every time we gather. He is tangible. He is real. His spirit is present. And never get tired of knowing how much He loves you. For God so loved the world, for God so loved the world, for God so loved the world that He gave. He gave Jesus. to save us. So we should never grow weary in loving Him and receiving that love because that love is what it's all about, guys. That's it. For eternity, manifested tangible love, perfect love that casts out all fear. Isn't that amazing? Oh my goodness. Amen? So may we grow more and more in love with the Lord. Hallelujah.

Well, I'm going to do kind of a part 2. I just did part 3. Part 2 to boldness, I talked on a couple weeks ago. So I'm going to review a little bit. And Grant wrote a powerful word last week to help undergird what he is saying and our position and our authority and what God has done. And so if you're ready, Psalm 27, 13. I don't know how many scriptures there are in the Bible about the goodness of the Lord and his great love for us, but there's a bunch. So just read the Bible. Amen.

Verse 13. I would have lost heart unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. That's written from a human heart, okay, and one that loved God and encountered God. I would have lost heart unless I had believed, I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Because God is good. Amen?

Psalm 52.12 says that the goodness of God endures continuously. It's who He is. You cannot quench His love. You cannot stop who He is. The goodness of the Lord continues forever and ever. Amen. The goodness of God endures. Love believes all things. Love endures all things. Love never fails, correct? So God is good and He is love, and He will never grow weary in reaching out in His goodness to us. Thank God.

Romans 2:4 says it's the goodness of God that's going to lead us to repentance. It is the goodness of God that gave us the grace to repent, and to turn and to choose and to follow after Him. It is the goodness of God. He gives repentance. You cannot get repentance on your own, apart from the grace of God. It is Holy Spirit that is hovering over the earth, looking at souls and looking at hearts, and He opens our understanding. He removes the veils. He takes us out of darkness and brings us into light. Amen. It is the goodness of God that leads us to repentance. The goodness, the love, the mercy, the perfection, the grace upon grace, upon grace that He is for us. He is for us.

Go to 1 John chapter 2, verse 28. When we speak of boldness that comes from God, we have to be rooted and grounded in the love and His goodness. We have to understand the heart behind everything. Otherwise, we may just be bold and brash in our own flesh. That will profit us nothing. Okay?

1 John 2.28, it says, now, little children abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. So now this talks about when He comes for us. Yes, His coming. And there is a second coming of Christ, though He will come and He will set up and rule on His kingdom on the earth. But at this point, it is about a heart prepared for Him. He is coming, and there is goodness and there is confidence to know. There is goodness and confidence to know that I am not going to be ashamed. I have confidence that when He comes, I will be like Him. I have confidence, even at His appearing, right, that I am His. Children, abide in Him. Dwell with Him. Love Him. Abide in Me and My Word, and you'll bear much fruit. Remain with Him. That's the instruction.

When He appears, it's not a matter of if, it's when He will. Amen. When He appears in your daily life. When He appears when He's coming again. When He comes for His church, yes, we may have confidence and not be ashamed. Now that sounds like a nice statement until you get one glimpse of his glory and flesh falls on the ground before a holy God. So you can't get cocky and think that you're good enough to stand before God. Right? The flesh will profit nothing. There is no one who can do that without the saving grace of Jesus Christ and his blood that has made us right with the Lord. This is my confidence. So we will not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

Verse 17. I'm going to read this out of the New Living. I like how it was stated. And it says, As we live in God, our love grows more perfect. Say, As I live in God... As I live in God. My love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face Him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in the world.

Isn't that strong? Now, Holy Spirit is bold here to tell us of things to come. Holy Spirit is speaking boldly to the body of Christ, yes? Holy Spirit is speaking boldly to us that even in judgment, do not be afraid, we will face Him with confidence. Because we are living like Jesus here in this world. We don't just wait to live like Him when we get to heaven. It starts now. Because in heaven it's pretty easy, I suppose. But here's probably the hardest place, yes?

Hear it again. As we live in God, our love grows more perfect. He is perfecting our love, correct? So we will not be afraid on the Day of Judgment, and we can face Him with confidence. Glory to God. Glory to God, because we live like Jesus here in this world. Go to

Hebrews 10, Hebrews 10, verse 35. This is out of New American. Hebrews 10:35. Be encouraged, flock, okay?

Hebrews 10.35, Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. For yet in a very little while, he who is coming will come, and will not delay. But my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him. But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul. We are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

Do not throw away your confidence. Know that you know that you know that you shall receive the word of the Father, the reward of the Son, the reward of the Holy Ghost, the reward of eternal life. Don't lose your confidence. Don't shrink back. No matter what this world brings, be confident, stand strong, be bold and confident in Him and what He has done. Yes, this is our confidence. Our faith is in Him and what He has done. Everything else is just flesh. Truth, my righteous ones will live by faith. And oh, he is coming and he will not delay. So every day is a new day and a new opportunity to receive his boldness into our life, to be confident in what you believe, who you believe in, to abide in the word and remain and be strengthened. We are not ashamed. We are not shrinking back. And we see the goodness of God every day. And he wants us to praise him for that every day.

There's not a sunset that doesn't go by that I thank the Lord for that sunset. and tell him, that is beautiful tonight. I think each one outdoes the other. Don't make it complicated, beloved. It's the good thing to give praise to the Lord about the tiniest thing to the greatest. Yes, every good and perfect gift comes from the Father of lights. So bless his name and give him glory. Thank him for everything, even when you're going through trials and difficulties and all the more. God is transforming just common people.

He's transforming us. And He empowers us to be bold and determined and fearless and confident in order to accomplish His will. Because that's a high call. We're His family. Yes. Therefore, we're going to live to please and honor the Lord. So remember, boldness, freedom in speaking, openness, frank, without concealment, free, fearless confidence, cheerful courage, assurance, not hesitating or fearful in the face of actual or possible danger or rebuke, courageous and daring, adventurous, fearless, valiant.

You're like, wow, you just felt strong hearing the words. You feel strength hearing, be bold. The righteous are as bold as a lion. He encourages us in strengthening us in whom we believe, what we believe, and His Word strengthens us. Our God empowers us to be bold and fearless and triumph in this life. In this life. Say, In this life. And this is where it

matters, yes, all that that entails. God's boldness within us empowers us to make the right decisions. We all have to make decisions in life, correct? All of us do. And you know when you're not sure, you have to know this way or that way, up or down. What do I say? How do I answer? You seek God.

God gives you boldness in your decision-making process. Truth. He gave you boldness to say yes to Him to be saved. Truth. It took courage to come up and get on your knees and repent before God. Whether it was at a church, out on the fields, in the office, in your bedroom or on the carpet, in the floor, in the living room. It took courage and boldness to bow your knee to Jesus Christ and make him Lord and Savior. Truth.

The devil does not want you to know that because you humble yourself before God. You humble yourself before God. And he gives you boldness to ask, save me. He gives us boldness and confidence that if I repent, he will forgive me. He gives me boldness and assurance that if I repent and make Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior, that He will save me. Truth, it's not just faith. It takes everything of you to die and say, I choose to live like you, Lord. We need boldness to do what is right and pleasing to the Lord. We need boldness just knowing the right thing to do. Decision-making 101 every day of our life, correct? We need boldness, and sometimes you can't plan it. just appears during your day. And thank the Lord for the Holy Ghost who's with you in those moments.

Wow, how about that? We need boldness, and boldness will always lead to trust. Boldness will always lead to trust. And when we trust, we acquire assurance. It takes boldness. Boldness leads to trust. And when we trust, we acquire assurance. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine. Yes. When we trust the Lord with all of our own heart, He will give us boldness and courage and confidence in what He is asking of us.

It's all about standing in the truth and doing what is right. Say, doing what is right. Doing what is right. No matter what, do what is right. It is about believing and going above and beyond the natural flesh. God's boldness is powerful. It's about believing and going above and beyond human thoughts. Boldness is manifested in courage. We love shows and movies and testimonies about courage. You feel strong when someone has been bold and daring and courageous in how they overcome. But it is a part of our daily lifestyle, beloved. There is a record of your boldness every day, 24 hours a day, when you've overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb. It's the truth, because you chose what was right. You chose yes and amen. You chose to believe God. You chose to stand in prayer, knowing that your prayers are being answered. You chose to believe God. It took boldness and courage to believe that He would heal you, deliver you, save, heal to the uttermost. He will save your family. Yes, it takes boldness and courage to do what is right every single day. Every single day, if you're on the planet.

Christians truly believe God will be glorified as we follow Him and obey His word. Christians truly believe that God will be glorified. When you obey, He's glorified. So as you go about throughout the day, you're like, when I obey, when I'm bold, he's glorified. He receives glory when we're confident. He receives glory when we're confident. He receives glory because we know it's Christ in us. He strengthens our flesh. It's the truth.

Boldness brings growth. Oh, God, thank you. I've grown in boldness. How about you? Boldness brings growth and consistency to our livelihood. Boldness means growth and consistency in our livelihood, going above the norm. And as Christians, we have a high calling in this. Now we know what the flesh boldness can produce. I'm not talking about haughty pride. Anyone can be bold and it not be by the Spirit of God. Anyone can be bossy. Anyone can come in the flesh and try to be domineering. That's not what we're talking about. It is an absolute surrender to the Holy Ghost who will empower us to be brave, courageous, strong, confident, and to carry out His word and believe Him even if you're going through a difficulty. In all situations, He will give us courage to do what is right, to make us fearless and bold and confident and triumphant in this life.

I would have despaired if I had not believed that. I would have seen the goodness of God in the land of the living because I know that He is good. I look for that goodness. I'm going to lean. I have a propensity to lean into the goodness of God. I have a weakness. I believe God is good. I believe God is good. So I have a propensity, yes, inherited by Jesus Christ to do what's right all the time and to speak the truth and to speak it in love. Amen?

Boldness is fruit of the Holy Ghost. Holy Ghost is the one who empowers us. With boldness, we may speak up and defend and stand for that truth, or just standing for a more excellent way in life. Sometimes there's a way, and then there's a more excellent way. And God gives you boldness to follow the more excellent way. Which way should I go? It's all good. He says, this way. Yeah? So you're going to have some courage to follow Him, because you're like, well, I've never been that way before, Lord. He says, I know. Just follow me. Yes?

Because we have confidence in who He is. We have confidence, and we're not going to shrink back in this life. In heaven, we're not shrinking back. It's all about the planet. We're not shrinking back in glory, because then when we see Him face to face, oh, yes, we will be like Him. But we are being transformed now in this life. I mean, some of us just need boldness to get in on an airplane, right? Okay, I'm just saying it all appears. We need boldness to answer questions, bring understanding. It takes boldness to labor, to bring understanding. It takes boldness to ask God for understanding. There is a spirit of understanding, Holy Spirit, Isaiah 11:2, the spirit of might, the spirit of understanding, the spirit of understanding. There's a spirit of understanding, the spirit of wisdom, revelation.

the might of God, the power of God, the glory of God. This is daily life, the spirit of knowledge. Okay, you understand? We need boldness. This is boldness.

The Holy Ghost is not a wimp. You understand? He is power, He is God, and He is Lord. And He gives and empowers His people with understanding. That is power, and we need that. He gives us understanding so we can pursue, recover all. He gives us boldness to pursue and recover all. He gives us boldness to pursue and go the extra mile. He gives us boldness to step out and do something new. But that's the way I've always done it, Lord. He says, now, follow me. And you're going to go into a new way. We need courage. We need to be confident. We need boldness.

The Holy Spirit's going to teach us how to overcome, which is a part of the believer's lifestyle. And we're going to be able to assist others by giving them godly counsel and advice, because whatever you've overcome by, I promise you, you will encourage somebody else. It's just the truth. Some way, somehow, you will encourage someone else with what you have overcome. You are going to impart your boldness, your confidence, assurance in the Lord to your children, to your family, your grandchildren, coworkers, wherever you may be. They're going to say, why are you so confident? Why are you not freaking out right now? Because you know that your confidence is in the Lord. They will see this. OK?

Boldness is not being bossy. OK? Say, boldness is not bossy. All right? Now, the devil may feel like you're bossing him around a little bit. Tough luck. But boldness is not bossy. OK? Boldness is not bossy. It is authority. Say, authority. All right? We are powered to speak up, and he will give us insight and new direction. That is amazing to me. This is all in boldness. This is all in boldness. As God's prayer warriors, we receive His boldness in intercession, do we not? We receive boldness in prayers of faith. When you stand with God over the Word for your life and those that you're praying for, there is boldness in your tenacity to believe Him in prayer and intercession. You're not going to let go and you're not going to give up. He blesses us to advance and take new ground. That happens in intercession. When you're praying and interceding on behalf of God and His kingdom, He is going to give you boldness to do that. Come boldly before the throne of grace to ask for help in time of need. You get it? It's that lifestyle. It's daily bread. Truth?

We are going onward and upward into the high call of God in Christ, every one of us. And we're going to be bold in our witness for Jesus. 'Well, I'm not very bold at that. I'm not very good at that.' Well, we just have to ask God for that, and know the Holy Ghost is already there, and that can increase starting today. Amen? Yes, Lord.

The words that we speak and the actions that we take always originate in the heart and the soul of the saint. The words that we speak, the actions that we take, will always originate in the heart and soul of the saint. So go to Luke 6. The words we speak, the actions we take, always originate in the heart and the soul of the St. not just your arm of the flesh.

OK, Luke. It says, A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good, and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Jesus Christ said that. He's teaching us, yes? A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good. Right? That makes sense. An evil man, out of the evil treasure of his heart, is going to bring forth evil. Pretty black and white, correct? So he says, out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth will speak. Oh, well, I didn't mean that. Right? Oh, well, I was really, no. What comes out of this mouth is in the heart. And once we get a hold of that, whew, that's where the grace of God abounds. And we repent, and we go to God confidently and boldly, and ask for Him to forgive us for what is in our heart that's not pleasing to Him. Takes boldness. He told us that we can go boldly before the throne of grace, correct? You have to know the root of this.

Now go to John 7:38, boldness. The words that we speak, the action that we take, always originate in the heart and soul. It's not just an outward flesh thing you can get. He's looking at the heart, okay? John 7.38, Jesus said, He who believes in me, as the scriptures have said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. Jesus said, He who believes in me, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. Say life. Okay.

Go to 2 Corinthians 4:13. This is all connected in light of your authority and the boldness and the confidence in the Holy Ghost and in our life. 2 Corinthians 4:13. Remember, boldness is not bossy. Yes? It's not being puffed up. and domineering in the flesh. No, 2 Corinthians 4.13, and since we have the same spirit of faith, say spirit of faith, according to what is written, I believe, therefore I spoke. So we believe and therefore we speak.

That's it. Bottom line. Jesus made it very simple. Believe in me. Believe in me and my words. Abide in me, remain in me, dwell in my word, and by the Spirit, you will go around doing good, healing all who are oppressed by the devil. I'll transform you and I'll give you my boldness, my courage, my strength, my abilities. He'll transform us all, and it's all about the heart. Out of the heart comes the transformation. We believe, therefore we speak. I believe, I speak. I speak what I believe, and boldness is coming through me because I am not going to shrink back. I'm not shrinking back to destruction. I'm not going

back to the old way of life. I'm going onward and upward into the high call of God in Christ. I'm always growing. I'm always increasing. I'm always multiplying. I ain't going backwards. Right? I was born for more. Amen?

God's prophets are bold. We've got a testimony in the scripture. All of them are bold. And they fell low when they encountered the Holy Spirit who called them. And they said, Woe is me, for I am undone. I'm a man of unclean lips. Every one of them, woe, shook when the Spirit of God revealed Himself and called them. I've called you by name. This is who you're going to be, and I'm going to fill you. I'm going to fill your heart with my word, and you are going to have boldness to speak what I say. And it cost them all their lives, even Jesus. God's prophets are bold. He instructs his prophets in this passage from Ezekiel.

Go to Ezekiel 40. Ezekiel 40, and I'm reading this amplified classic, if you have it. Otherwise, just listen. I like how it was stated. So this is the prophet Ezekiel, okay? Ezekiel 40, verse 2, it states, in the visions of God, he, meaning God, brought me into the land of Israel and set me down upon a very high mountain, on the south side of which there was what seemed to be the structure of a city. He brought me there, and behold, there was a man, an angel, whose appearance was like bronze, and a line of flax and a measuring reed in his hand, and he stood in the gateway. Verse 4. And the man said to me, excuse me, and the man said to me, Son of man, look with your eyes, Hear with your ears, and set your heart and mind on all that I will show you. For you are brought here, that I may show them to you. Declare all that you see to the house of Israel.

Wow. So you see the glory of the Lord, you see the Spirit of God, you see the messenger coming to Him. Son of man, look with your eyes. That's flesh. It wasn't just a spiritual eye. Look with your eyes, hear with your ears, and set your heart and mind. Where does all this come from? Out of the heart. There's boldness here. The Spirit of God is bold to tell. Prophet Ezekiel, open your eyes, hear your ears, speak, look into your heart. I'm going to show you something, and you're going to declare it. You're going to speak it. You're going to prophesy it. You're going to pray it. You understand that? That's powerful. Okay, look with your eyes, hear with your ears, set your heart and mind on all that I show you, saints of the Most High, every single day of your life. Be bold in your hearing. Be bold in your seeing. Be bold in your understanding and all that He's revealing to you through the Word and the Spirit. Be bold. Let Him open your eyes. Let Him open your ears. Let Him explain and reveal to your heart. Let Him come in and have the dominion. And then go forth and declare it. Do it. Obey it.

Yes? There's no shrinking back there. And He did. And there's more to follow, correct? Remember Proverbs 14:26. Let's read it again. Proverbs 14:26. In the fear of the

Lord, there is strong confidence. Do you think Ezekiel was having strong confidence in his words to prophesy over Israel? Of course. In the fear of the Lord, in the fear of the Lord, there is strong confidence, and his children will have a place of refuge. That's comforting, yes? You will use these scriptures. Go to Proverbs 28:1. God is not weak, and He takes our weakness and transform it. God is not weak. Yes, He is Almighty God. And He's given us His Holy Spirit. I mean, beloved, we just have to sit for a day and think, wait a minute, God's Holy Spirit is in me. That might make you more confident and bold.

Proverbs 28, 1, it said, the wicked flee when nobody's pursuing, but the righteous are as bold as a lion. That's not haughtiness. That's not your flesh. Whoa. No, It is the Spirit of God in you.

Go to Psalms 138, verse 3. You're doing good. His word goes before us and he imparts to us and enlarges our heart to understand. I agree with what he says. The flesh is just going to have to agree. It's called repentance. Repent. For the kingdom of heaven's at hand. Psalm 138, verse 3. It says, In the day when I cried out, you answered me, and you made me bold with strength in my soul.

Is that not life? In the day when I cried out, you answered me, God, and you made me bold with strength in my soul, my mind, my will, and my emotions. which is where we need strength, and that's going to hit the body.

Go to Hebrews 4, 16, New Living. Hebrews 4, 16. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy. And we will find grace to help us when we need it most. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious, loving God. There we will receive His mercy. He will not disappoint you. He will not let you down. We will find grace, the empowerment to prosper and to do what we cannot do on our own. He will help us when we need it most. That's the boldness. That's, well, I've never done this before. I'm kind of scared. I don't know how to talk to them. Well, here comes the boldness of the Holy Ghost. Don't fear. I will put the words in your mouth and it will be righteous.

Yes, it will not flesh. It will be righteous. Holy Spirit gives us that boldness and empowers us to be courageous and obey God in this life and in all that we do. We spoke of this already. Go to Acts 4. He gives the church to this day the same boldness He gave to the church when He breathed on them and said, Receive the Holy Ghost. Same spirit, same gospel, same Lord, same faith, same baptism, yes, same power, same Lord over all. It wasn't just the God of Peter and John and James, Mary and Martha. It is our God. He is our God. It's the same word, the same spirit, the same boldness. And what He did for them, He does for us. Truth.

So part of this testimony, Acts 4:29, the church here is saying, Now, Lord, look on their threats and grant to your servants that with all boldness they may speak your word by stretching out your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus. And when they prayed, the place where they were assembled was together, was shaken, and they were all filled with Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. There it is. Same God. Lord God, consider their threats. Here we come. Grant to us, you hear it? It's daily bread, beloved. Grant to your servants that with boldness, here it comes, We may speak what you say. Eyes to see, ears to hear, a heart that understands, Ezekiel. You understand? That's the same Spirit. The same Spirit that fell on the church is the same one that was in Ezekiel, upon him. Christ hadn't come yet. He wasn't inside of him. He came upon him. How much more we have the Holy Ghost inside of us. And he'll baptize you. He'll baptize you. He'll baptize you. He'll dunk you. More fire, more fire, more fire, more fire, more fire. Truth?

That's what my Bible says. I've experienced that he will give you more because he's confident that we will do what the word of the Lord is saying. Go to 2nd Corinthians 3:12. Timidity runs out the door. And it's not bossy. You understand? It's not flesh. 2 Corinthians 3.12, really simple statement. Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech. That means you know what you believe in. Because you know what you believe in, right? There is hope there, and he makes you bold. What we say, our speech is bold. Who do you believe in? Jesus Christ. Who do you think he is? Son of God, God in the flesh, came, crucified, dead, buried on the cross, raised the third day, ascended into heaven, is coming again. I don't believe in Jesus. I don't believe He is the Son of God. And then this boldness comes out of you with the truth, the word, because we are bearing witness to who He is. Yes? And it's not bossy. It's not fleshy. It's not degrading. It's truth. But it's confident and it's sure. And the Holy Ghost is the one that opens the hearts.

It's the goodness of God that grants repentance, correct? And all you are is a life-giving message. Yes, a conduit in the Holy Ghost flowing out of you, bringing truth and healing wherever you go, everywhere we go. Wow, I have ears to hear. My heart is his. Now, I love this story. This is totally from the Holy Ghost because I couldn't have figured this out on my own. I know you know that. We're going to talk about the testimony of the boldness of Joseph of Arimathea. Holy Spirit gave him boldness after the crucifixion of Jesus. He just followed God's guidance and fulfilled God's prophetic words. Holy Spirit gave Joseph Arimathea boldness after the crucifixion of Jesus. He just followed God's guidance and fulfilled God's prophetic words. So let's listen.

Go to Matthew 27. Our Lord Jesus was crucified among common criminals, correct? He was crucified on the cross amongst common criminals. Okay, so Matthew 27, we're going to start on verse 57 after the crucifixion. Matthew 27, verse, 27, verse 57. Y'all good?

Okay, so this is one account. It says, Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. That's wonderful. Verse 58, this man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. Oh, whoa. When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his new tomb, in his new tomb, in his new tomb. Joseph's, which he had hewn out of the rock, and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and it departed. Verse 62, and Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary sitting opposite the tomb. So there's a witness, right? Okay, now go to the next account.

Go to Mark 15. We're going to start on verse 42. I love how the scripture's written and more details are added, yes? I mean, Mark's 15, verse 42. It says, Now when evening had come, because it was the preparation day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, heard a little bit more other than he was a rich man, yes, and a disciple of Jesus, a prominent council member who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went into Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Now go to John 19. John 19, we're going to start on verse 38. John 19, verse 38, it says, Now after this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for the fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and he took the body of Jesus. Verse 39, And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds, when they took the body of Jesus, and bounded in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. Verse 41, Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had been laid yet. And so there they laid Jesus because of the Jews' preparation name for the tomb was nearby.

Now, here's an excerpt from some Bible commentary by Matthew Henry. It says, Our Lord Jesus, though he did no evil but much good, and to him was given the throne of his father David, yet was buried in the graves of the common people. For it was not in this world, but in the other, that his rest was glorious. The sepulcher belonged to Joseph, thus fulfilling Isaiah 53, verse 9. Go there. I'm reading out of NET. Isaiah 53, verse 9. Isaiah 53, verse 9. They intended to bury him with criminals, but he ended up in a rich man's tomb. because he had committed no violent deeds, nor had he spoken deceitfully. Jesus is king.

Every detail matters. That was a prophecy. Isaiah 53 is the entire prophecy about the suffering servant Jesus Christ and his crucifixion, all about him, all that he did, and he didn't leave out where he was buried. And he told Joseph, from Arimathea, about it. And he gave him, Holy Ghost, boldness.

Can you imagine after all of that, and they're going to tell Pilate, hey, can I have the body? You understand? Even admitting that he was a follower? That's one story. And yet this story fulfilled prophecy of Jesus Christ Himself. And all that were involved, boldness fulfills all things righteously. That's why he says, oh, he makes his prophets bold because every word that God has spoken shall be fulfilled. Not one word of God shall fall to the ground. And when you lay hold of God's word and you speak God's word and you obey God's word and you fulfill what he wrote of you, it's written in Heaven already.

You may not know, but there is a river whose streams may glide the city of God. You've got to recognize the river that you're in. And He will give you courage in days of adversity and days of grace and goodness. And He'll allow us to be and do everything He has called us to be in this life, and we're not going to shrink back. And we stand up in truth and we speak what He says. Let's agree with God, beloved, and speak what He says. It comes out of the heart. Jesus said, Whatever comes out of the heart, the mouth is only going to say what's in there. Yes?

So let's stand up and honor Him. He's a great God. He knows about our business. He knows where we are. He knows our struggle. He knows where we've been. He grants repentance so we can believe Him all the more.

So, Father, we honor Your Word. We honor Your Spirit. We love You. And we will not be ashamed of loving You more and more and more until the coming day. Fill us with, God, Your holy courage, boldness, more, Holy Ghost. Thank you for uprooting fear, timidity, shyness, and every other thing that works against it, especially pride. And may we humble ourselves before the presence of God and come boldly before the throne of grace to ask for help in time of need. We know that you are good.