

BEING BOLD

Live with Confidence in Uncertainty

Our world is constantly changing and we face much uncertainty. Regardless of our circumstances, Christians are called to live a life of boldness, declaring the faithfulness of God through our words and actions. In this study we will look at how the unchanging character of God allows us to live, pray, speak, trust and give with boldness.

1 - Live Boldly

Read

“The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.”

- Proverbs 28:1

Further Reading: 1 John 3:19-21

Reflect/Discuss

- What are the things that cause you doubt, insecurity, or fear?
- What do you think it means to live with bold faith?

Consider

Do you ever feel like you are not good enough, gifted enough, or talented enough to do great things for the kingdom of God? Do you feel like your past sins or struggles disqualify you from serving the Lord? Jesus died to pay the price for our sins, and not just to forgive us, but also to make a way for us to be transformed. We are able to live a righteous and holy life by the power of the Holy Spirit. This means that we are free from shame. It also means that we do not have to be haunted by the shame of our past sins.

The Bible is full of stories of sinful, broken, and flawed people. The most powerful stories are of people who surrendered to the Lord. They became bold leaders who changed the world. Boldness in your faith does not come from being fearless or perfect. It comes from a choice to surrender to God and allow Him to work powerfully in your life.

Act

- Write down all the feelings of shame, regret, doubt, or fear you may have that’s keeping you from boldness. Pray over them and cross them off one by one.
- Find one area of your life in which you can live with greater faith and boldness. What’s one action you can take towards living boldly?

Go Deeper

- [Everyday Courage](#)

2 - Pray Boldly

Read

*“In whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him” -
Ephesians 3:12*

Further reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Reflect/Discuss

- What keeps you from praying boldly?
- What things are you asking God for in your life right now?

Consider

Do you ever feel hesitant to ask God for things in prayer? Do you ever feel like you do not deserve to ask God for help or provision? It's true. Just the ability to approach God in prayer is more than we could ever deserve on our own. The good news is that Jesus died to give us access to God in a way that mankind did not have before. These verses reassure us that we can pray with confidence.

Our faith in Jesus allows us to pray boldly because we know that we can approach God about anything. We can ask God for big things not because of anything that we have done but because of what Jesus has done for us. We can also pray with confidence because we know that God hears the prayers of his children. The Bible assures us that even when things do not turn out the way we wanted, God is listening to our prayers and working things out for our good and his glory.

Act

- Start a prayer journal. Record your prayers and how God answers them over time.
- Ask a friend to pray with you about the things that worry you. Ask that friend to keep you accountable about being faithful to pray about the situation.

Go Deeper

- [How to Pray for the Impossible](#)

3 - Speak Boldly

Read

"Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold." - 2 Corinthians 3:12

Further Reading: Ephesians 6:19-20

Reflect/Discuss

- What keeps you from speaking the truth boldly?
- How would you describe the hope that Jesus gives?

Consider

The gospel of Jesus Christ fills us with hope because we know that in God our best days are always ahead of us. We are guaranteed eternity with a loving and good Father. This news should excite us and motivate us to tell others. However, the world around us is not always accepting of such an important message. It can also be hard to share Jesus with others because we are fearful of saying something wrong, or making a mistake.

God knows that we are not perfect and yet he still chose us to be messengers of the gospel. When we are filled with the hope that Jesus brings, it gives us confidence. This confidence can remain in any circumstance if our minds and hearts are fixed on our promised eternity with Jesus.

Act

- Write out your testimony and practice sharing it with a fellow believer so that you are ready to share it with unsaved friends and family.
- Share what God has done for you recently, or what you are grateful to God for, in a public setting such as online or with friends and family.

Go Deeper

- [Speaking With Boldness](#)

4 - Trust Boldly

Read

Psalm 138:3 "When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me."

Further reading: Psalm 56:3-4

Reflect/Discuss

- What do you worry about the most?
- What does it mean to trust God?

Consider

In the book of Psalms, David is often confronted with dangerous, overwhelming, or discouraging situations. He is honest about his fear, concerns, and despair but also quick to turn his thoughts to the ways that God has shown himself faithful in the past. David knew that no matter what his circumstances were, he could trust God. He knew this from experience- God had rescued him. God has also rescued us. The same God that sent his only son to be our savior cares for you and wants to work in your life. We know that he can be trusted with our greatest needs and concerns. He not only gave us life, he saved us from death!

It can be easy to only remember disappointing or discouraging times in our lives. Revelation 12:11 talks about overcoming the enemy by the "blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony." When we share our testimony of how God saved us, we are reminding ourselves and others of the ways that God has been faithful. Remembering the saving work that Jesus did for us gives us boldness to trust him in any situation.

Act

- Recall the times you afraid or faced difficulties, yet God provided for you. Write them down in a journal as a reference to go to when you need to trust.
- Think about what area of life you worry about the most. Surrender this area to God in prayer and choose to trust him.

Go Deeper

- [You Can Trust God in Times of Need](#)

5 - Give Boldly

Read

“One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”

- Proverbs 11:24-25

Further reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

Reflect/Discuss

- What keeps you from living generously and being more bold in your giving?
- How does God’s generosity with us encourage us to be generous with others?

Consider

Have you ever thought about how you would spend a large amount of money? It is easy to say that we would be more generous if we only had more to give. God calls us to be generous no matter how much we have. The amazing thing is that we have a heavenly provider who has everything and needs nothing.

We can be generous with our finances because we know it is God who gives us opportunities to earn more money. We can be generous with our time because we know that God guides our steps and orders our days. We can be generous with our forgiveness because we know that God gives us unlimited grace. God’s provision for us allows us to give boldly because we know He will always provide.

Act

- Generosity begins with gratitude. Start by making a list of things you are grateful for and could share with others.
- Plan one way to be generous to a friend or family member this week.

Go Deeper

- [Lifestyles of Generosity](#)

Our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We have hope because he never changes and never fails. He sent his son to save us and give us hope. The hope that Jesus brings gives us boldness. When we truly understand all that God has done for us we *will* live, pray, speak, trust and give boldly.

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