

## Digging Deeper During the Week!

Boldness is transforming! When Jesus Christ gets into you and begins to change you, everything looks different. *Experiencing this lifestyle is possible when we learn to live as Jesus asks us to!*

**Monday**      **Boldness for Witness!**  
24-Mar      Ephesians 6.10-20

As we spend time with Jesus we soon learn that a great spiritual battle exists all around us. Bold participation is what today's text is about.

- There are many elements to being 'suited up' for the spiritual battles we are to be involved in. What are the parts to your armament and what purpose do they serve?
- There is an end result to all this battle gear. What is it (18-20)? In other words, all of the combat equipment exists for the advance of the message. What does this mean to you and your witness?

**Tuesday**      **Boldness Against Demons!**  
25-Mar      Luke 6.17-19

One of the first things you learn about this spiritual life is that there are two sides – the side of Light (Jesus) and the side of Darkness (Satan). Those trapped in the clutches of demons (Satan's followers) need release.

- As Jesus ministered, he brought the message and the power of God. What do you notice about the response Jesus had in his day when these two elements were displayed (17)?
- Demons can be scary, to say the least. What do you notice is the result when Jesus boldly steps into the crowd and provides release? While we may not possess the ability to exorcise demons, it is true we can bring help and healing to people through many means. What do you suppose will be the reaction as the power of God is displayed in your ministry? What do you need to be boldly working for God?

**Wednesday**      **Boldness With Doctrinal Error!**  
26-Mar      Galatians 5.7-15

Often people come to us teaching what is Biblically wrong. How we handle that is often determined by our level of boldness.

- Paul was concerned for the spiritual well-being of his friends. The false teaching was tearing at the very center of their faith. What images does Paul use to get his people to see the danger of this?

- Can you imagine what it must have taken to write these words to these, his close friends? Put yourself in his place for a moment. How does the boldness of a relationship with Jesus make a difference in your ministry as you work with wrong thoughts and teaching?

**Thursday**      **Boldness to Pursue Peace!**  
27-Mar      Hebrews 12.12-17

Sometimes we are swayed to stray from the path with Jesus by sin – ours or another's. Boldness to stay on the path is essential for God's favor.

- Spiritual strength is needed in order to live the life journey with Jesus (12-14). What do you see as the essential focus points mentioned here to one's spiritual life?
- There are many dangers to our spiritual lives – what are the ones mentioned here (15-17)? How does the bold pursuit of God's will become so important to our personal, daily peace of mind and heart?

**Friday**      **Boldness When Hated by the World!**  
28-Mar      John 15.16-20

Being a follower of Jesus – when you really follow him – brings you into opposition with the philosophies of the world. This creates animosity!

- A fruitful life is the life Jesus chose us to possess. One of the fruit Jesus wants to be very evident is our love for one another. What does boldness have to do with our loving others in our fellowship?
- Jesus reveals how our imitation of his life is progressing through one response? What is that response from others? Why is that?

**Saturday**      **Boldness When Suffering in Ministry!**  
29-Mar      2 Corinthians 6.3-13

This journey with Jesus brings opposition from many quarters. As you work for and walk with Jesus, your boldness to be gracious is essential.

- Paul is getting 'beat up' in the ministry. Things aren't going well. Yet Paul takes these as commendations? What are these things that Paul boasts of as evidences of his ministry validity (3-8)?
- Boldness infuses us with an ability to transform the conditions we are in through the character we possess. Paul enumerates several of these life transformations (9-10). What are they? How do they cause you to rethink how you affect the world around you? What about the personal boldness it will take to create such a change in others?

*"I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead." **Philippians 3:13 (NLT)***

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