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"Loving God, Equipping People, Mentoring Leaders, Reaching Nations

NEW RESOURCES THIS WEEK ON THE WEB

These are free downloads available for you on-line

Each week the Sunday teachings are posted on-line. These are available free of charge - text copy, printouts and audio of the teaching

Every week Ralph posts a prophetic column called "Churchquake" which explains the changes happening to the Church around the world and why they are happening. Past issues are also available on-line.

Ralph writes a daily blog which you can subscribe to and receive in your email inbox

Blogs that he writes for other ministries and churches are also posted on-line daily.

Also posted: articles and teaching material from other ministries that are deemed valuable for those here on the prairies of western Canada

Prayer Requests for this week...

Ralph as he travels tomorrow and Tuesday to Eastern Europe

For the ministry Ralph and his team will be doing in the nation of Moldova this coming Wednesday through Monday (18th to 23rd)

For travel safety on January 24 as he flies from Moldova to Moscow, Russia and drives to the city of Novomoskovsk (3 hours)

For ministry in Novomoskovsk (January 25 to 29 - Wednesday through Sunday)

For safe travel and good weather (thus good connections between flights) on January 30th

BEING BOLD BELIEVER
[Part One - Boldness Series]

We are called to be "bold" as believers and followers of the Lord (disciples)

Bold in our praying, obedience, our witness and in speaking out about Him

My personal decision based on Matthew 9:29 and a prophetic word

The Book of Acts...the early Church
↳ A major theme—BOLDNESS

Definition of boldness: Boldness is _____

Examples...

Boldness in the Greek is "parrhesia" pronounced par-rhay-see-ah and it means:

- ⇒ _____
- ⇒ _____
- ⇒ _____
- ⇒ _____
- ⇒ _____

Boldness in _____

Boldness in our _____

Bold _____

Bold _____

Remember: boldness is behavior born out of belief

Peter...like many of us
↳ Bold intentions followed by _____

Peter changed - when he had a personal encounter with the resurrected Jesus

Peter preached a very BOLD sermon and 3,000 were saved...

Boldness existed in the early Church and the daily life of the disciples

⇒ The lame man walked (Acts 3)

This resulted in confrontation with the religious rulers—the Sanhedrin

- Sanhedrin = _____ of the temple and the religious life of the people

Question is asked: By what Name and by what authority did you heal this man?

Very bold response...

Acts 4:8-12 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Leaders and elders of our nation, are we being questioned because we've done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? Let me clearly state to you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed in the name and power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth, the man you crucified, but whom God raised from the dead. For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, 'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else! There is no other name in all of heaven for people to call on to save them."

You cannot overstate how bold this really was...it amounts to a declaration of war

⇒ Name of Jesus was controversial then and still is today

Acts 4:13 The members of the council were **amazed** when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men who had had no special training. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.

Three facts:

1> God gives _____ people _____ boldness

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"Ordinary" in the Greek means:

- ⇒ _____
- ⇒ _____
- ⇒ _____
- ⇒ _____

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2> Your boldness will _____ the world

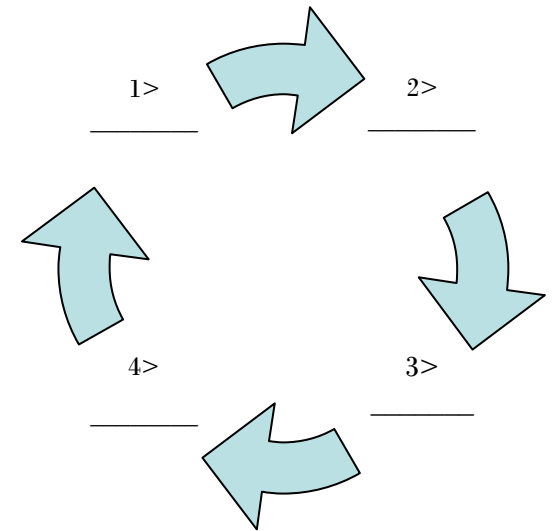
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3> Spiritual boldness comes from _____ Jesus

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THE KEY: Boldness is not the goal—knowing Jesus is the goal

⇒ Boldness is the by-product of knowing Jesus



Your notes:

BOLD BIBLE STATEMENTS:

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

Acts 2:21 And anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.