

Christ's offering for us was bold. When He took upon Himself our sin and shame, "His face was so disfigured He seemed hardly human, and from His appearance, one would scarcely know He was a man... He was counted among the rebels. He bore the sins of many and interceded for rebels" (Isaiah 52:14, 53:12b). Yet, once He boldly took our place on the cross, He walked out of the grave beautiful! And one day, when He comes in final victory: we will see "His face shine like the sun in all its brilliance" (Revelation 1:16b). Christ calls you today for deeper living and deeper loving. How will you respond?

DEEPER LIVING

Text: Hebrews 4:14-5:10

The Plain Truth:

**Bold _____ calls us to boldly _____
others to _____ Jesus.**

It was a bold move for.....

1. _____ to invite _____.... So _____.
2. The _____ at the well to invite the entire _____... So be bold and _____.
3. _____ to invite _____.
4. _____ to invite _____ to his house....
Have a _____ party.

One Year Bible Reading

November 4: Ezekiel 10:1-11:25, Hebrews 6:1-20, Psalm 105:16-36, Prov. 27:1-2
November 5: Ezekiel 12:1-14:11, Hebrews 7:1-17, Psalm 105:37-45, Proverbs 27:3
November 6: Ezekiel 14:12-16:41, Hebrews 7:18-28, Psalm 106:1-12, Prov. 27:4-6
November 7: Ezekiel 16:42-17:24, Hebrews 8:1-13, Psalm 106:13-31, Prov. 27:7-9
November 8: Ezekiel 18:1-19:14, Hebrews 9:1-10, Psalm 106:32-48, Prov. 27:10
November 9: Ezekiel 20:1-49, Hebrews 9:11-28, Psalm 107:1-43, Proverbs 27:11
November 10: Ezekiel 21:1-22:31, Hebrews 10:1-17, Psalm 108:1-13, Prov. 27:12

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Life Group Lesson

Week of November 4

There is a difference between crazy – merely doing stupid things for kicks or accolade – and being bold for God. Yet, people who follow hard after God are often mistaken for being crazy. The watching world will always misunderstand the compelling force of the Person of the Holy Spirit at work in sold-out believers. God's very Presence (the 3rd persona of the Trinity) is available to every person who calls on the name of the Lord. God's desire is to live mightily within every Christian and drive us to a level of boldness that truly reflects deeper living.

1. We've probably all done 'stupid' – but think about a time when you perhaps did something bold for God. What is the difference? How are the results different?

Bold moves for God happen when we follow in the footsteps of our bold Savior. The Son of God left heaven and came to earth, was given the name 'Jesus', and showed us God's heart. Christ taught, healed, raised the dead, and took our place in death so that every person would have an opportunity to know God and experience salvation. The world wants to sweep us away as though our lives mean nothing. But deeper living draws us to Jesus who understands our weakness and promises us strength in exchange.

Read Hebrews 4:12-14

Have you ever heard someone say that all roads lead to God? Be careful about falling into that trap, because it is a lie. There is only one way to God the Father, and it is not a road. It is a Person – the Lord Jesus Christ – who shed His blood for us when He died on the cross. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). Jesus is familiar with our weakness, yet it is only in the Lord Jesus Christ that we find pure innocence.

In the Old Testament, the LORD said to Moses: "...for the life of the body is in its blood. I have given you the blood on the altar to purify you, making you right with the LORD. It is the blood, given in exchange for a life, that makes purification possible" (Leviticus 17:11). Christ, the Son of God, gave His life in exchange for our salvation. "For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, one for all time" (Hebrews 10:10).

2. The writer of Hebrews says: "Every high priest is man chosen to represent other people in their dealings with God. He presents their gifts to God and offers sacrifices for their sins. And he is able to deal gently with ignorant and wayward people because he himself is subject to the same weaknesses" (Hebrews 5:1-2). Why does empathy make for a good leader?
3. When we surrender our lives to Christ *daily*, we will begin to emulate our Savior as we carry the needs of the Kingdom before our King. Read I Peter 2:4-5 and Revelation 1:6. Are you interceding on the behalf of others? Whether it's in your family (Job 1:5), at work, or at church, we are called to stand in the gap for others and lift them boldly before the throne of God. Who are you praying for (write initials below) – why is that important in God's Kingdom?

Think about the office of a priest in the Old Testament. Though he gets messy presenting the gifts of the people and offering sacrifices for their sin, he is required to stay pure. Though he is isolated, his call touches many. Though he is called to humility, he boldly represents the King of kings. As Christ-followers, we share a similar struggle. Though we are called by God to intercede for others and *it is hard*, we must not lose hope. We must not give up because God "gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. So my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless" (1 Corinthians 15:57-58).

4. We should be immovable when it comes for standing for truth and all that is good, pure, right, and holy – but 'movable' when it comes to being ready to 'BUST A MOVE' through the prompting and power of the Holy Spirit. Below are some strong suggestions from the message outline:
 - Break out of fear to praise and worship—worship is not what we do but *who* we are
 - Confront and overcome that sin that so easily tempts you, choose to repent (turn)
 - Get connected to a Life Group and learn to do life together
 - Answer that call from God that you've ran from for so long
 - Forgive that person who hurt you so many years ago, remembering the grace and mercy God has given you
 - Make a commitment to LEGACY 2:10 and let God use you to save souls – leave behind a legacy that will speak forever
 - Speak truth to darkness and injustice
 - Pray bold prayers for healing and believe God for it
 - Break out in praise and take your worship deeper in God
 - Become that witness that will tell of the goodness of God

What bold moves do you need to make for God?