



## Jason Smith - His Name

### Part 4 Living Boldly in His Name

To live boldly in Jesus' name means to walk daily in the confidence of His authority, the assurance of His presence, and the power of His Spirit.

It's not a life of fear or hesitation but one of faith-filled obedience—trusting that Christ's strength is made perfect in our weakness.

When we live this way, every step becomes an opportunity for His kingdom to break through our ordinary lives.

**Scripture:** Luke 10:17–20, Colossians 3:17; Ephesians 5:15–16

Over the past several weeks, we've discovered what it means to live *In His Name*. We began by lifting our eyes to the **Name above every name**, Jesus—the One whose authority, power, and peace reign over all.

Then we learned that we are **sent in His name**, chosen by the King to carry His message of reconciliation into the world.

Last week, we saw that we are **empowered by His Spirit**, equipped with divine strength to live courageously and accomplish His mission.

And now, we come to the final message of this series—**Living Boldly in His Name**.

This is where it all comes together. Because the authority of Christ, the presence of Christ, and the Spirit of Christ were never meant to be merely understood—they were meant to be lived.

This is the moment where faith turns into action, where belief becomes boldness, and where followers of Jesus step forward with courage to live out their calling in a world that needs to see His light.

In Luke 10, we find a group of seventy-two disciples who had just returned from being sent out by Jesus. They went in His name—and what happened next changed them forever.

Their story gives us a glimpse of what it means to live boldly, not in our own strength, but in the power and authority of the One who sends us.

Before we can live boldly *in His name*, we have to remember who we are *in Him*. Boldness isn't about personality or natural confidence—it's about knowing whose name we carry and where our identity is rooted.

## 1. **Boldness Comes from an Identity Rooted in Christ**

Text: Luke 10:17–20

When the seventy-two returned from their mission, they were overflowing with excitement. Luke tells us they came back rejoicing, saying, ***“Lord, even the demons submit to us in Your name!”*** (v. 17).

They had seen God's power at work through them, and they were amazed. But Jesus' response is striking. He affirms their authority, saying, ***“I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”***

Yet He gently redirects their focus, saying, ***“Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”*** (v. 20)

In that one statement, Jesus reminds His followers—and us—that true boldness doesn't come from what we *do* for God; it comes from who we *are* in God.

Our confidence is not built on results, success, or spiritual power—it's built on our identity as those redeemed and known by Christ.

Boldness that flows from performance will eventually fade; but boldness rooted in identity and the power of God's spirit will endure.

You see, when you know your name is written in heaven, you don't have to live for approval—you live *from* approval. You don't have to prove yourself—you get to express who you already are in Him.

Paul says in Galatians 2:20, **“I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.”**

**That means our boldness doesn't come from self-confidence, but from *Christ-confidence*.**

When your identity is rooted in Him, you can step into difficult conversations, face uncertain seasons, and live out your faith in public without fear—because your worth, your calling, and your future are secure in Jesus. The same power that sent the seventy-two is the power that sustains you.

So, before we talk about what boldness *does*, we must remember where boldness *begins*. It starts with knowing who you are in Christ—chosen, loved, forgiven, and sent.

## **2. Boldness is Expressed through Intentional Living**

**Text:** Colossians 3:17; Ephesians 5:15–16; Matthew 5:13–16

Once our identity is firmly rooted in Christ, **boldness moves from *who we are to how we live.***

It's about making intentional choices that reflect Jesus in every corner of our lives. Paul reminds us in Colossians 3:17, ***“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”***

Every decision, every interaction, every action becomes a deliberate act of obedience and worship—a way to live boldly in His name.

Living intentionally means recognizing that God has placed us exactly where He wants us to make an impact.

Ephesians 5:15–16 urges, ***“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”***

Bold living doesn't happen by accident; it's a daily commitment to use our time, our words, and our resources in ways that advance the kingdom of God.

Jesus modeled this perfectly in Matthew 5:13–16 when He called His followers to be the salt and light of the world. Salt changes the world around it—it preserves, flavors, and adds life.

Light illuminates darkness and guides people to safety. Bold living is intentional in the same way: it's purposeful, noticeable, and transformative.

Every small act of kindness, every courageous word of truth, every choice to forgive or serve is part of a bigger mission.

Intentional living also requires courage.

We can't just drift through life waiting for opportunities to appear. Paul encourages believers in 1 Corinthians 16:13: ***"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong."***

Boldness is often about saying yes to God when it's uncomfortable, inconvenient, or countercultural—when love calls us to act and faith calls us to trust.

So, when we live intentionally in Christ, we stop being passive participants in life. We begin to live with purpose, empowered by His presence, guided by His Spirit, and rooted in the identity He's given us.

**Every decision, every moment, and every interaction becomes a chance to step boldly into the mission He has prepared for us.**

### **3. Boldness Extends through Godly Influence**

**Text:** Matthew 28:18–20; Acts 1:8; 2 Timothy 2:2

Once our identity is secure in Christ and our living is intentional, boldness naturally flows outward, extending through our influence.

Godly influence isn't about status, titles, or power—it's about the impact of a life surrendered to Him.

Jesus modeled this in Matthew 28:18–20 when He commissioned His disciples, saying, ***"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."***

Our influence multiplies when we obey the mission we've been given—one person at a time, one interaction at a time.

The early church shows us how influence works in real life. In Acts 1:8, Jesus promised, ***“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”***

Boldness spreads as we faithfully witness in our immediate surroundings first, then beyond our comfort zones. Influence begins locally—our families, workplaces, schools, neighborhoods—and can expand as the Spirit leads.

Paul gives us a personal example in 2 Timothy 2:2: ***“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”***

Bold influence is relational—it’s about passing on what God has entrusted to us.

Every faithful act, every word spoken in love, every moment of obedience ripples outward, creating new opportunities for God’s kingdom to take root in others’ lives.

Living boldly in His name means recognizing that our choices, our character, and our courage have impact beyond ourselves.

It’s about being intentional not only for personal obedience but also for the transformation of others.

When we step into situations with faith, integrity, and love, we create environments where God’s power can be seen, His truth heard, and His kingdom advanced.

So boldness doesn’t stop at identity or intentional living—it reaches beyond us. It influences, equips, and inspires others to live courageously in Christ.

In every space we inhabit, our lives become a testament to the authority, presence, and power of Jesus, inviting others to encounter Him through us.

## Conclusion

As we conclude this final week of our *In His Name* series, let's take a moment to reflect on the journey we've been on.

We began by standing in awe of **the Name above every name**—Jesus. We learned that His name carries ultimate authority and power, and that our boldness begins with an identity rooted in Him.

In Him, we are chosen, redeemed, and secure, and that truth transforms how we see ourselves and how we live.

Then, we discovered that we are **sent in His name**—chosen ambassadors entrusted with the ministry of reconciliation. We don't go on our own authority; we go representing the King.

Our lives are meant to carry His message of hope, forgiveness, and love into our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and to the ends of the earth.

Last week, we saw that this mission isn't left to our own strength—we are **empowered by His Spirit**.

The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, guiding, equipping, and strengthening us to face fear, opposition, and uncertainty with courage and confidence.

And now, today, we bring it all together: **living boldly in His name**. Boldness flows from knowing who we are in Christ, from living

intentionally for His purposes, and from the influence our lives can have when surrendered to Him.

Every word, every act, every decision becomes an opportunity for God's kingdom to break through into the world around us.

This is not a call to mere activity—it is a call to empowered living. When we step forward in obedience, our lives reflect the authority, presence, and Spirit of Jesus.

We don't go alone. We don't go powerless. We go in His name, for His glory, and with His power at work within us.

Let's pray together.