

*“Connect” Message Series***Boldness**

Ephesians 6:18-20 (page 950)

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Boldness isn't the absence of fear; it's the presence of the Spirit when you open your mouth.

1. The _____ of an Ambassador.

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”

2 Corinthians 5:20

“Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.”

Ephesians 6:19-20

2. The _____ of an Ambassador.

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

Ephesians 6:18

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”

Romans 8:26-27

“But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say,²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.”

Matthew 10:19-20

3. The _____ of an Ambassador.

“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”

Acts 4:29-31

4. The _____ of an Ambassador

Prayer:

- I need boldness when talking to (Name/Context) about faith this week.
- Lord, give (Name) your Spirit and the exact words to speak fearlessly when they are with (Person/Group) this week.

What is your next step?

Application:

Who do you know that is hurting or going through a rough season?

How will you pray for them this week?

Reflection:

What is your takeaway?

How do you sense God is coming to you?