

THE BOLD LIFE  
2 Corinthians 3:7-12 (NLT)

*And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. <sup>13</sup>For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. <sup>14</sup>And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear.*

Philippians 1:12-14 (NLT)

❖ Key Truth: Bold FAITH comes from CONFIDENCE in God.

The old way, with laws etched in stone, led to death, though it began with such glory that the people of Israel could not bear to look at Moses' face. For his face shone with the glory of God, even though the brightness was already fading away. <sup>8</sup>Shouldn't we expect far greater glory under the new way, now that the Holy Spirit is giving life? <sup>9</sup>If the old way, which brings condemnation, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new way, which makes us right with God! <sup>10</sup>In fact, that first glory was not glorious at all compared with the overwhelming glory of the new way. <sup>11</sup>So if the old way, which has been replaced, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new, which remains forever! <sup>12</sup>Since this new way gives us such confidence, we can be very bold.

2 Corinthians 3:7-12 (NLT)

*We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. <sup>4</sup>Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. <sup>5</sup>But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: <sup>6</sup>Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did."*

1 John 2:3-6 (NIV)

❖ I can live a bold life for Christ through:

1. Bold PRAYER.

*Afterward, when Jesus was alone in the house with the disciples, they asked him, "Why couldn't we cast out that evil spirit?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus replied, "This kind can be cast out only by prayer."*

Mark 9:28-29 (NLT)

*"But if you remain in me and my words in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!"*

John 15:7 (NLT)

*Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup>He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." <sup>39</sup>Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."*

Matthew 26:36-39 (NIV)

*"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."*

Luke 23:34 (NIV)

*"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

Matthew 27:46 (NIV)

*"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."*

Luke 23:46 (NIV)

## 2. Bold LOVE.

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

1 John 4:7-11 (NIV)

*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

John 15:13 (NIV)

## 3. Bold WITNESS.

*For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. <sup>7</sup> For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. <sup>8</sup> So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.*

2 Timothy 1:6-8 (NIV)

*"Christians should be the boldest people in the world; not cocky and sure of ourselves, but sure of Him."*

A.W. Tozer

*For two whole years, Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. <sup>31</sup> He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ – with all boldness and without hindrance.*

Acts 28:30-31 (NIV)

*But Jesus replied, "We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came."*

Mark 1:38 (NLT)

*The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! <sup>5</sup>This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath[a] enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup>I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'" <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.*

Ezekiel 37:1-10