

Our **Virtual**

# PowerGroup

Love Like That  
Week 4 Study

## Icebreaker

### HOW BOLD ARE YOU?

Take a couple minutes to complete a self-inventory now, or do the same free inventory online at [LoveLikeThatBook.com](http://LoveLikeThatBook.com) to see your results and receive a summary at the end of the series.

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For each statement, put the number that best describes you.

**Never(1)**

**Rarely(3)**

**Sometimes(5)**

**Often(7)**

- My friends would say I'm transparent, straightforward, and direct.
- If I have a problem with someone, I meet with them as soon as I can to get it ironed out (rather than sulking or whining about it).
- I speak out if someone is not being treated fairly – even if it means risking rejection.
- I'm bold when it comes to saying what needs to be said or doing what needs to be done.
- When my conviction is strong, I couldn't care less what others think of me.
- I feel urgent about making things right when something is wrong in one of my relationships – I take immediate action to make it better.
- I feel congruent between my real self and the self I present to others.
- I sometimes make people feel uncomfortable because I'm a straight shooter who doesn't put up with deceit or hypocrisy.
- I'd rather be genuine than win approval.
- I'm not afraid of rejection by others.

## Reflection

Think about a time when you didn't speak up when you know you should have. Either for yourself or someone else, long ago or this week. What kept you from being bolder in that situation?



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If you haven't done so, take the self-inventory on the sermon outline or online at [LoveLikeThatBook.com](http://LoveLikeThatBook.com).

How do you feel about the results? Make it a point to share with family, friends, and Life Group about your results.

**Passage 1** John 2:13-16

**Reflection** Read John 2:13-16. What was Jesus' motive? Why did he become so bold and confrontational? What can you learn from this aspect of Jesus' example?

**Passage 2** Matthew 23:23-33

**Reflection** Read Matthew 23:23-33. How would you describe the tone of Jesus' words to the Pharisees? Jesus singled out the Pharisees more than any other group for his strongest critiques, why do you think He did this?

It's easy to cheer Jesus for His bold confrontations with this "brood of vipers". But, how would you have felt if you were one of the Pharisees?

**Passage 3** John 5:44 | Matthew 5:33-37

**Reflection** Read John 5:44. We all fear rejection and seek the approval of others. That's why we wear interpersonal "masks" to present an image that is not congruent with who we are or what we truly believe or feel.

What is a go-to mask you use when you avoid truth telling? The "pleasant mask"? The "humor mask"? The "intellectual mask"? The "religious mask"? What mask do you use?

Read Matthew 5:33-37. Sometimes we use empty or religious words that sound good but have no real meaning. Can you think of a time recently when you "said the right things" out of habit but not out of your heart?

## Passage 4

### Ephesians 4:15-26 | Matthew 18:15-16

**Reflection** Read Ephesians 4:15-16. Jesus was the ultimate example of speaking truth and expressing love at the same time. Which of these comes easier for you- boldly speaking truth or boldly expressing love? With whom do you have the biggest challenge in balancing these two?

Read Matthew 18:15-16. To be a truth-teller, a bold person in your relationships, you have to be willing to risk rejection. How would you rate yourself in this ability? What's one practical way for you to improve in this area? What relationship(s) need you to risk to engage in more truth-telling right now?

## Application

Who in your life would you like to be bolder with? It could be a specific person or a group of people.

What is one practical thing you will do to risk to become bolder with the people you noted? Be as concrete and specific as you can be. Now go and do it!

## Journal