



15 YEARS IS JUST THE BEGINNING

## Pt. 4: Bold Movement

Questions for further study and application:

- Day 1 Pastor Craig Groeschel talked to us this week about being bold in our faith in Christ. Often, people are trying to get God to do what they want Him to do for them, yet in actuality, we are designed to serve and honor Him. Read Mark 8:34. This means that when you follow Jesus, you put your own interests aside, follow His example, and be willing to accept whatever may happen. Embracing this Scripture means that it is less about you and more about Jesus. When you set aside your own agenda and embrace God's plan, He is better able to use you to be bold and share your faith.
- Day 2 Being bold enough to share your faith can be something that sounds easier said than done. There are many reasons you may be hesitant to share your faith. You might be afraid you'll say the wrong thing, or you don't want to be pushy, or be rejected, or you don't want to look silly. Read 2 Timothy 1:7. God hasn't given you a spirit of fear, and remember, He's not afraid of what you fear. Don't let fear trick you into believing that you can't share your faith. Pray and ask Him for the courage and wisdom to know what to say when you have an opportunity to share what God has done and is doing for you in your life.
- Day 3 Think about things you are passionate about in your life. Is there a great burger place that you tell everyone about? Maybe you've binge watched a really great Netflix series, and you can't wait to tell people to watch it too. We will confidently speak boldly about what we believe deeply. So, how does this apply to your faith? If you're not speaking boldly about it, do you believe it deeply? Read Matthew 28:19. As a Christ follower, we are called to do something great. We understand the love of God and because of that, it becomes natural to tell others about it. Ask God to help you take the focus off yourself and your fears and put it on someone else.
- Day 4 You can grow in your boldness by spending time with Jesus. This is done by praying with Him, listening to Him, and reading His word. When you spend time with God, you're renewed and focused on Him throughout the day. You're dialed in to letting His spirit guide you thought the day and you begin to feel bolder. Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-9. You may be planting or watering the seeds, but God will help them grow. He's going to prompt you to say something that someone needs to hear or help someone that needs assistance. When you pause to find out who people are and what they're interested in, you are showing them that you care about them. Ask God to give you compassion to care for those that do not yet know His love.
- Day 5 Another thing you can do to grow bolder is to simply pray for God to give you boldness. Ask Him to help you see those that need Him and for the courage to share His love. There's a lot of hopelessness in the world, and God will put the right people on your path and give you the right words to say. If you're hesitant, ask yourself, "What if I don't tell them about Christ's love and grace?" There is nothing more that the enemy wants than for you to let your fears to become a barrier that prevents you from telling people about Jesus. Read Philippians 1:14. God can overcome any obstacle that comes your way. Be bold and tell everyone about all that God has done for you.

## What's New?

Celebrate Easter at Waters Edge on March 31 or April 1. There will be ten identical services on all four of our campuses, and no tickets are required. This year, we will also be having a Good Friday service at our Newport News campus on March 30, at 7:00 PM.