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**Restoring New Testament
Boldness**

The New Testament Church...

32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. **33** And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

-- Acts 4:32-33

Was BOLD!

Our Thesis

- **What is boldness?**
- **Examples of boldness**
- **How can we *develop and increase* boldness?**

Restoration Movement...A Process

What is **Boldness**?

- **Definitions by Webster**

- **“Daring, courageous, brave, fearless”**
- **“A deed executed with courage and spirit”**
- **“Possessing a sense of assurance that causes one to be forward and overstep usual bounds of propriety and become markedly conspicuous and prominent”**

What is **Boldness**?

- **W. E. Vine: literally “to be warm”**
 - **“Warmth of temperament that produces confidence”**
 - **“To speak confidently and freely without reserve”**
 - **“To speak without ambiguity and plainly”**
 - **“To dare to do or to bear something terrible or difficult”**
 - **“To be intense”**
 - **“Righteous acts done openly in order to secure publicity”**

Examples of Boldness

- Peter

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. **19** But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. **20** For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

-- Acts 4:13, 18-20 (KJV)

Examples of Boldness

- Peter
- Paul and Barnabas

Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

-- Acts 13:46 (KJV)

Examples of Boldness

- Peter

- Paul

- Paul and Barnabas

Damascus

And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

-- Acts 9:26 (KJV)

Examples of Boldness

- Peter

- Paul

- Paul and Barnabas

Ephesus

And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

-- Acts 19:8 (KJV)

Examples of Boldness

- Peter

- Paul

- Paul and Barnabas

Iconium

Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

-- Acts 14:3 (KJV)

Examples of Boldness

Thessalonians

1 For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain: **2** But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, **we were bold in our God** to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention. **3** For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: **4** But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

-- 1 Thessalonians 2:2-4 (KJV)

Examples of Boldness

Corinthians

9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. **10** We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. **11** Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place; **12** And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: **13** Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day. **14** I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you.

-- 1 Corinthians 4:9-14 (KJV)

Examples of Boldness

Agora in Athens

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. **17** Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him. **18** Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

-- Acts 17:16-18

Examples of Boldness

- Peter

- Paul

- Paul and Barnabas

- Apollos

And he began to spea**k boldly** in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

-- **Acts 18:26 (KJV)**

Humility and Boldness go together!

Developing BOLDNESS

- **Follow Biblical Pattern**
 - The way we meet people
 - Willing to talk...to anyone
 - What they said...
 - How they said it...
- **Realize Boldness is NOT just for the “young and restless”**

Increasing Our BOLDNESS

Developing BOLDNESS

- **Realize Boldness is not just personality**
- **Make sure that you're right**
- **Pray for it!**
- **Grow into it!**
- **Seek the company of Bold people**

Increasing Our BOLDNESS

“Draw near with boldness”

(Hebrews 4:16)

-  **Hear the gospel (Romans 10:17)**
-  **Believe (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6)**
-  **Repent (Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30)**
-  **Confess (Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:37)**
“I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”
-  **Be baptized (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)**
-  **Live faithfully (Hebrews 10:36)**

“The righteous are Bold as a Lion”
(Proverbs 28:1)