

# Bold Because of Hope

Abounding Hope - Week 9

Eph. 1:15-23

## I. Boldly Pursue God

### A. Eph. 2:11-13

1. Verse 12 (AMP) - We use to be without relationship with God and therefore without hope.
2. Verse 13 - "But NOW..."
  - a) "... now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Corin. 6:2

### B. Hebrews 4:14-16

1. To the hebrews the idea of coming to the throne of God boldly was probably an absurd idea. The High priest had to do everything perfectly in order to come into to Holy of Holies and make sacrifice on behalf of the people. If he messed one thing up he would die.
  - a) Because of Christ, everyone has the same free access to the very presence of God Himself.
    - (1) Jesus made this possible, and we NEED to take advantage of what He has provided for us!
    - (2) Be confident in what Christ has done for you. He was more than enough, so act like it!

## II. Boldly Proclaim

### A. Proclaim = to declare publicly, typically insistently, proudly, or defiantly and in either speech or writing.

### B. Habakkuk 2:2

1. Relationship with God means that there should be communication taking place.
2. Seek God and His will, then boldly commit to what He tells you! Write it down, live it out, and speak it. Maybe even sing it!

### C. Luke 4:18

### D. Acts 4:29-31

1. They didn't ask God to take away the persecution, but for Him to give them boldness of speech. The Lord empowered them, and then they went and were obedient.

### E. Eph. 6:19-20

1. "...that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."

### F. 2 Corin. 3:12

1. It's because of our Hope that we can speak with great boldness!

## III. Boldly Obey

### A. Boldness to be obedient knowing that He is the one that will have to make it happen.

#### 1. Joshua 5:6

- a) You've probably never wandered around in confidence.

(1) You can **wait** with confidence or boldness if you know what you are waiting for, but you can't **wander** boldly. Wandering is aimless time and energy wasted.

b) A wilderness is an uncultivated, unmaintained, fruitless place. This is the result of disobedience.

B. Boldly obey the command to Love

1. Loving Hime

a) John 14:21

(1) Loving Jesus is directly related to obeying Him.

(2) "...will manifest myself to him."

(a) Sometimes we can't sense God's presence in our lives because there is an element of disobedience in our heart.

(b) God can only work in and through our lives on the level that we are willing to be obedient.

2. Loving People

a) 1 John 4:16-21 and 3:23-24