

The background of the image shows the silhouettes of several people in a prayerful pose, with their arms raised and hands clasped. They are positioned against a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise sky. The overall scene is peaceful and spiritual.

***Restoring/Rekindling  
the Spirit of  
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**Restoring New Testament  
Boldness**

# The New Testament Church...

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**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

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**Was BOLD!**

# Our Thesis

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

**Restoration Movement...A Process**

# Ben Keehn

## WHAT TO DO WITH OUR WORRIES

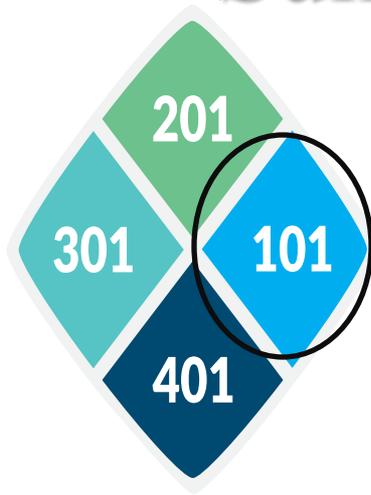


SEP 4 | SUN PM

# Discipleship 101-104

Introduction

Sunday - 9/11/22- 10:30 a.m.



Discovering  
Our Church Family

Brent Hunter

New Fall Series

Ben Keehn PM lesson, 9/11/22  
*“When God Says Salvation”*

WHEN  
GOD  
SAYS  
SALVATION

SEP 11 | SUN PM

# 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”**
- **Favorite: “Passionate affection coupled with righteous indignation.”**

# 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 marveled; 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

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## 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

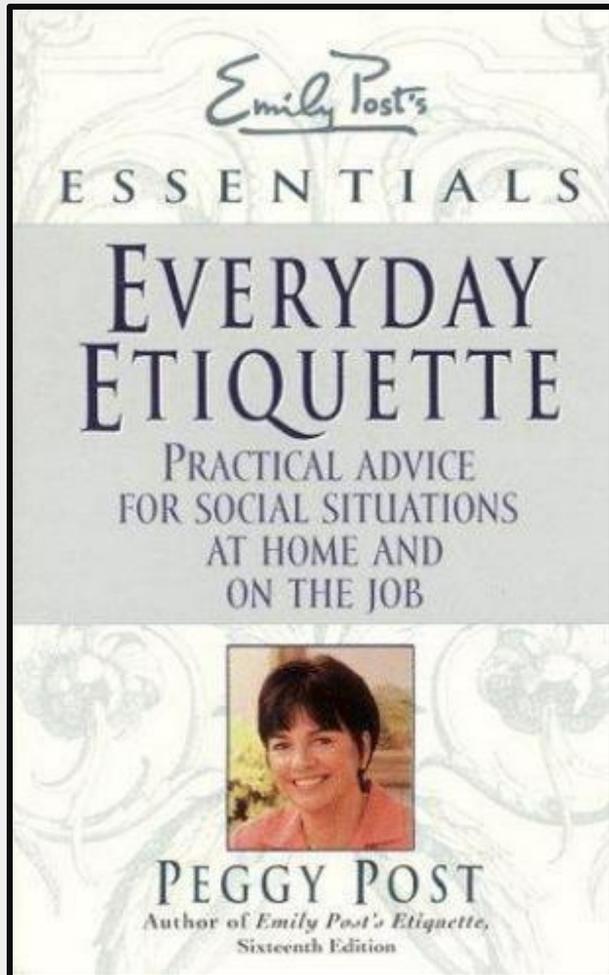
**1** For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain: **2** But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, **we were bold in our God** to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention. **3** For our exhortation 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, whom tries our hearts.

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

# Recommendation against

## Boldness

### Emily Post



“It is not proper to talk about **religion** and such controversies in **polite society**.”

*Whosoever shall be ashamed  
of Me  
and of My words,  
of him  
shall the Son of man  
be ashamed, . . .*

*Luke 9:26a*

# Examples of Boldness

- Peter

- Paul

- Paul and Barnabas

- Apollos

And he began to speak 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

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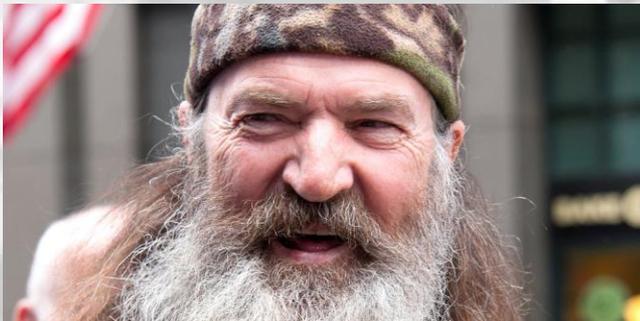
- **Follow Biblical Pattern**

- The way we meet people (Acts 5:42).

- Willing to talk...to **anyone!**

- **Think BIG!**

- **Opinion leaders. Esther 4:14!**



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# Increasing Our BOLDNESS

# Developing BOLDNESS

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- **Follow Biblical Pattern**
  - What they said...
  - How they said it...
- **NOT just for the “young and restless!”**

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## Increasing Our BOLDNESS

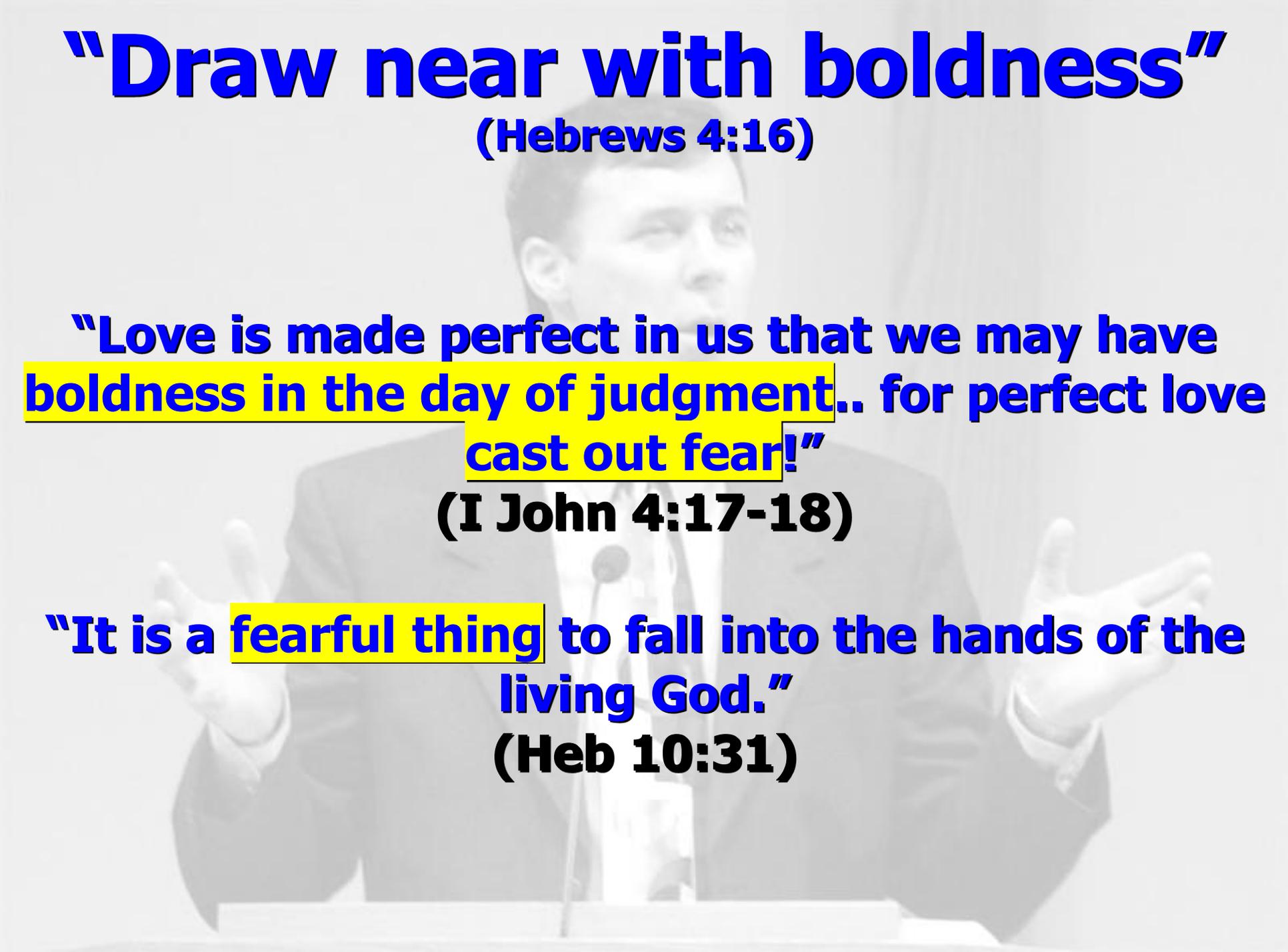
# Developing BOLDNESS

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- Not just ***personality***
- Make sure **that you're right**
- **Pray** for it!
- **Grow** into it!
- Seek the company of **bold people**

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## Increasing Our BOLDNESS

A man in a dark suit and white shirt is speaking at a podium. He has his hands raised in a gesture of emphasis. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**“Draw near with boldness”**

**(Hebrews 4:16)**

**“Love is made perfect in us that we may have boldness in the day of judgment.. for perfect love cast out fear!”**

**(I John 4:17-18)**

**“It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”**

**(Heb 10:31)**

# **“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 10:35-36)**

**“The righteous are Bold as a Lion”**

**(Proverbs 28:1)**