

# The Home of the Brave

## Pt. 2 - Coldness or Boldness

Opening joke - Behind every successful man is a wife who pushes her husband!

- We are entering the era of Christianity the Bible says will be marked with either boldness or coldness.

Matthew 24:12, Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold.

Daniel 11:32, Then with smooth words he will defile those who have rejected the covenant. But the people who are loyal to their God will act valiantly.

Note - This boldness will come from an outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

Example - Pentecostalism? Witness!

Acts 2:17, "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy..."

Acts 1:8, But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...

Note - The evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit isn't just speaking in tongues. The evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is boldly proclaiming our faith! If you don't have that boldness, you need to be filled with the Spirit!

- Coldness causes us to blend in. Boldness causes us to stand out.

Romans 12:2, Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Note - For far too long, Christians have attempted to be incognito - trying not to make waves. The result is a form of Christianity that is no different than the world around us. It's time to commit ourselves to the full formula.

James 4:7, Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Example - Jamaica

- A bold faith provides a daily reminder that this world is not our home.

1 Peter 1:17, So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time here as "temporary residents."

Note - The term "evangelicals" isn't about a voting constituency - it is about people who know their place in the world and share the gospel with everyone they can!

- As a church we are committed to raising up bold evangelicals full of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 4:31, After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Note - Our WIG - 1,000 newcomers in the next nine months with 25% of them goin through Next Steps.

Matthew 13:3-8, A farmer went out to plant some seeds. 4 As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. 5 Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. 6 But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. 8 Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!

Note - Each one is a part of this WIG! We are partners in bringing in the harvest. (100)

## **Boldness Strategy**

### 1. An infilling

Luke 11:13, "So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

### 2. Our investing

Romans 13:8, If you love others, you have done all that the Law demands.

Quote - People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. (Jeanne Mayo)

Example - Leader of the Satanic Church in Sth Africa resigned and professed faith in Jesus

siting “the unconditional love of Christians” as his reason.

### 3. Our inviting

Note - The Andrew Principal (Be a bringer)

John 1:42, Andrew brought Simon to Jesus.

Example - Christmas Outreach, Friend Day, Easter, Invitations, Inspire Nights, At The Movies

### 4. Our including

Matthew 28:19, Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples...

Note - Include them in your small group, attend Next Steps with them, attend a growth track with them, include them in your circle of friends!

Example - Nelton

