

That I May Be Bold...

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Main Idea: We are to pray for boldness in sharing the Gospel.

Pray that I might be bold enough to speak about it [the Gospel] as I should. —Ephesians 6.20b (CSB)

I have been a public speaker since elementary school. I am not the best by any stretch of the imagination, but it does come easy for me. Even so, engaging another person in a one-on-one conversation about the Gospel is daunting to me. I get nervous. What if I'm mocked, challenged, or do more damage than good? However, I find comfort in the reality that even the great missionary Paul asked that others pray that he "might be bold enough to speak about" the Gospel.

One day, I was especially convicted over the need to share the Gospel. I was going to The Fair later that day and I prayed for an opportunity to share the Gospel. When I arrived, I began to prayerfully seek one with whom I could share the Gospel with. I was nervous. I met up with some friends at the main stage and we began to shoot the bull. As we were talking, a man (Matt) who was sitting near us chimed in on the conversation. As he continued to contribute to our conversation, I discovered that he was an atheist. I was nervous about sharing with Matt. However, as I shared, it became easier. Not only did the Holy Spirit give me the words to say, he also gave me the boldness to share Jesus with my new friend.

While Matt did not accept Jesus that day, we had a good conversation, I provided some answers for him, and planted the seeds of the Gospel. My hope is that Matt will come to faith and I pray for him every time I think about him. Friend, take it from me, sharing the Gospel can be daunting, but it is one of the most enjoyable things you can do. Take heart! The Holy Spirit will give you the boldness you need to share.

For Reflection...

- What keeps you from sharing the Gospel with your friends and family?
- How can you share the Gospel with others this coming week?
- Pray and ask God to give you the boldness to share the Gospel. Also, pray for my friend, Matt. Pray that he would be saved.

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