

**Bold Speaking****September 23, 2012**

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

- What's one of the most profound things that someone has ever said to you? How did their bold words impact you?

With your Bible or YouVersion read Acts 9:38, 14:3 and 4:1-31 These verses give examples of bold speaking in the early church.

- We speak boldly about what we believe. How have you seen your speech reflect what you believe?
- Who are some people you know that speak boldly? How have you seen their bold words impact others?
- What things stand out to you about the bold speaking from the examples found in Acts?
- What next steps do you need to take to work towards having the type of bold speaking the first church used in Acts?

Read 1 Samuel 30:6, Hebrews 3:13 and Proverbs 27:6. These verses show us ways we can become bold speakers to both others and ourselves.

- What bold words do you need to start speaking to yourself today?

- Who do you know that needs to hear bold words of direction, correction or encouragement from you this week? How will you go about speaking boldly to them?
- How have the bold words of others brought direction, correction or encouragement into your life?
- Who do you know that needs to know Christ? What bold words can you speak that will lead them towards Christ?

Here are some specific things you can do this week that will help you start praying bold prayers.

- This week strive to speak boldly in one of these ways:
  - If you are struggling with a sin, then ask the Holy Spirit to give you the words to speak to yourself.
  - If you know someone who needs direction, correction, encouragement or Christ in their life, then speak boldly to that person
- During this series read the book of Acts. Look for examples of bold living that you can apply in your life.

**Talk It Over with God:**

These prayer tips can guide your time alone with God each day. Praying with a friend or a small group might help you stick to it.

- Thank God for the bold speech that other have spoken into your life.
- Ask God to help you develop as a bold speaker in all areas of life.
- Tell God about your toughest struggles in life and with sin. Ask Him to give you the power to speak bold words to yourself.
- Pray for those who you know that don't know Christ. Ask God to give you the bold words that help you lead them to Christ.