

“The Bold Life”
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Luke 11:5ff- This man...

- Knew the strength of their friendship
- Knew his friend would respond to his persistence

NOTE: Jesus’ “how-much-more” factor (i.e., Unjust judge in Luke 18:1ff)

- I am your friend
- I never sleep
- I delight to give good gifts

PROP- Jesus is very clear RE: how He wants us to approach...respond to...relate to Him—with confident persistence...living the BOLD LIFE.

- Not because He wants us to beg
- Not because He is reluctant or stingy
- **BUT because He loves what it produces in us!**

HE LOVES PERSISTANCE (SEE Deuteronomy 4:29)!

Invitation: “Seek Me” (make Me the focal point of your life)

Promise: “You will find Me”

Condition: “IF you do this wholeheartedly” (As He does toward us)

NOTE: “Favor”-*God leaning toward those who lean toward Him*

CONFIDENT PERSISTENCE is more than our posture in crisis—rather, it’s a bold lifestyle of consistent, joyful asking, seeking, and knocking:

WE MAKE SOME AMAZING DISCOVERIES:

1. We have boldness. As we exercise it—it only increases!
 - “Having boldness to enter the holiest place by the blood of Jesus...” (Hebrews 10:19)
 - “Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, then we have boldness [confidence] toward God” (1 John 3:21)
 - “And this is the boldness [confidence] we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will—He hears us!” (1 John 5:14)
2. The ultimate result of the bold life—is sharing it with the Bold One!
 - You know that He has plans for you (Jeremiah 29:11)—but the ultimate joy is not the destination alone—it’s enjoying the journey with Him as we get there! (NOTE: *If we think- “I’ll be happy when_____” —we’ll never be happy*)

- **You discover the fact that you don't persevere alone (2 Thessalonians 3:5- "May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.")**
- **You grow in your revelation of how great He is...how truly good He is...as your trust in Him only increases!**
- **You learn to live under the smile of His "lifted countenance" (Numbers 6:26)**

RESPONSE:

This week, boldly approach for:

- **An increased revelation of who He is**
- **An increased confidence in who He has made you to be**
- **"Bread" (tangible expressions of His kindness & wisdom & power) to share with "others on their journey"**