

“The Bold Life” part 2
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Summary: (Luke 11) *“Teach us to pray (lit.- “will toward; or will with/near to”)*

1. **PERSPECTIVE:** **From** heaven → earth (Unafraid, unoffended, uncompromising)
2. **POSTURE:** **Bold** (confident, unashamed, fearless)

PROP- Jesus is calling us to relate to Him, interact with Him—with a confident persistence—an invitation to live a **BOLD LIFE**.

HEBREWS 10:32-39

This “BOLD LIFE” ...is the life of Jesus...those who “have the Son have (this) life” (1 John 5:12)...we have this “boldness” (v. 14)

1. **PERSEVERES** (*Jesus setting His face toward Jerusalem*)
 - **SEE Hebrews 10:35-36- “throw off”- to cast aside as worthless**
 - **Lack of trust—due to an unresolved offense** [Rooted in the lie that **“God did this to me!”** or **“God didn’t care enough to do something about this!”**
 - **Lack of faith due to an unresolved disappointment** [Rooted in the lie that **“Prayer changes nothing!”** (*i.e., the Doris Day “Que Sera Sera Syndrome”*)
 - **Jesus: “Ask (and keep on asking)...” (Luke 11)**
 - **NOTE:** Those who say- “If you ask in faith—you will only ask once” missed Jesus’ call to persevere
 - **Hebrews 6:12- “...through faith AND perseverance (we) inherit what has been promised!”**
 - **James 1:4ff- “Hopeful & cheerful endurance” does a powerfully maturing work (“perfect work”) in us→ “lacking nothing” (A **strong faith**—free from doubt, unbelief, wavering, double-mindedness)**
2. **RESPONDS (instead of “reacting”)** (*Jesus responding to religious leaders, angry mobs, even the devil himself*)
 - **Proverbs 28:1- “...as **bold** as a lion”- confident as a direct result of being secure & protected**
 - **Picture of girl facing lion in New Zealand Zoo**
 - **2 Kings 6- Elisha seeing the chariots of fire while his servant was reacting to the King of Aram and his chariots/troops**
 - **SEE Acts 4:25- 31**

3. **BELIEVES** (*“Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.”* John 13:3,4)
- **Hebrews 10:38-39**
 - **Refuses to “shrink back”- [*stello*- “to repress your heart/affections & withdraw from close interaction with”]**
 - **To be unwilling to speak honestly because of fear**
 - **To assume an “unaccepted” position**
 - **This brings Him “no pleasure”!**
 - **Our “faith” please Him (Hebrews 11:6)!**
 - **We are “those who believe” [*Lit.- “those who rely on Him—with inward certainty!*]**
 - **“False humility”- is too proud to ask**
 - **TRUE HUMILITY is “bold, confident, unashamed” dependence on God**
 - **Jesus was unashamed to say: “One thing you’ll learn about Me—I am ‘humble in heart.’ I simply cannot do what I’m called to do w/o My Father!”**

RESPONSE

“Oppression will be far from you—for (because) you will not fear!”
(Isaiah 54:14)