

TALK IT OVER

How to Say What's Hard to Say

BOTTOM LINE

What would it mean for us to live together as a community of undragoned people?

CONVERSATION STARTER

Think about a time you chose to speak up even when you were terrified. What gave you the courage to do it?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [Frank's Secret to Speaking Boldly for God](#) (6.29 min.)

VERSES AND QUOTES

For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die. For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better. I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live. Knowing this, I am convinced that I will remain alive so I can continue to help all of you grow and experience the joy of your faith. And when I come to you again, you will have even more reason to take pride in Christ Jesus because of what he is doing through me. Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself. For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. Philippians 1:20-29 NLT

"To speak openly and freely is not about just blurting out whatever is on your mind. It's about knowing when God is calling you to speak up."

"To speak openly and freely for Christ, remember, I'm already dead (Phil. 1:20-26). I've already won" (Phil. 1:27-30).
– Quotes by Carl Kuhl

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What part of Eustace's story spoke to you most deeply? Do you have a similar story of being "undragoned"? Grace is the reason and the way we can be undragoned. How would you explain grace to someone who is uncertain? After Jesus provided unending mercy and grace for every one of us to be undragoned, the church formed as a community of followers who were becoming undragoned. The New Testament letters were from leaders to communities of people, teaching them to walk together in "newness of life" or as "undragoned people," as C. S. Lewis wrote. It is significant that people cannot undragon themselves or give themselves new life. What is God's part and our part in the process? What would change in a church body if each agreed and submitted to undragoning? How does grace begin to look and feel different when an entire family, workplace, or church community chooses it? Undragoned people, grace-filled people, can live and speak freely WITH grace, "unintimidated by their enemies." What does this godly boldness look like? How would living with the double mindset "I'm already dead" and "I've already won" increase your grace-filled boldness?

ACTION STEP

I will cooperate with God's grace and work, knowing when to speak and when to be silent. I will speak truth with grace.