

TALK IT OVER

Bold and Courageous

BOTTOM LINE

Our prayers indicate whether or not we are aligned with the mission.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What is the bravest thing you have ever done? Or, what terrifies you?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [A Prayer of Boldness](#)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away— all who have been called by the Lord our God." Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day— about 3,000 in all. Acts 2:38-41 NLT

Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd. Acts 3:12 NLT

"The foundation of the faith was not the Old Testament Scriptures or even simply the teachings of Jesus. It was His death and resurrection. He predicted it and He did it!"

"The New Testament church prayed bold and courageous prayers. They were asking God to do something through them that would cause people to take notice so they could point them to Jesus."

"When the Church loses its way and its purpose, culture pays. The Church is no longer the hope of the world."

— Quotes by Dwight Mason

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What are signs that the Church has lost its way? Since the Church is composed of individuals, how can I evaluate if I am following the mission and purpose of the Church? My realization that Jesus is truly the resurrected Son of God will fuel me to be bold and courageous. How can I nurture that faith? What would be a bold invitation for you to make? How can your serving become bold and courageous? What about serving Jesus-style requires courage? You don't need to give because we need your money — you need to give because of what it does for your heart. Discuss. How is that true for you? How would you define a bold prayer? If God would answer all my prayers, who would benefit most? What are some ways your prayers need to become bolder and more courageous?

ACTION STEP

I will daily pray bold and courageous prayers, asking God to do something through me that will cause people to notice, and I can point them to Jesus.