

Bold Heart

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness.

2 Corinthians 3:4–6, 12

For Christians, boldness is an attitude of heart and mind. Such boldness is ours because of Christ's victory over death on the cross. Bold is confident and faithful action that shines the light of God and God's holy purpose in community. If we are faithful to God, we must be bold by doing what God requires. Following God is bold because it may fly in the face of the community traditions or expectations.

Martin Luther once wrote to Philip Melanchthon, *“Be a sinner and sin boldly, but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly, for he is victorious over sin, death, and the world... No sin will separate us from the Lamb, even though we commit [sin] a thousand times a day. Do you think that the purchase price that was paid for the redemption of our sins by so great a Lamb is too small? Pray boldly—you too are a mighty sinner.”*

This is not a clarion call to do wrong but to know that, inevitably, we do wrong. We are not called upon to fret that we may do wrong—we are called upon to boldly “Do it!” and not be afraid of making mistakes. We are to share God's love and tell the good news we have in Jesus in all we do and say. This is living with a bold heart for God and for the world around us.

*What are you doing to share the love of God in your home?
Your community? Your church? Your world?
Has this work caused you doubt and difficulty?
Has it challenged others?*

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