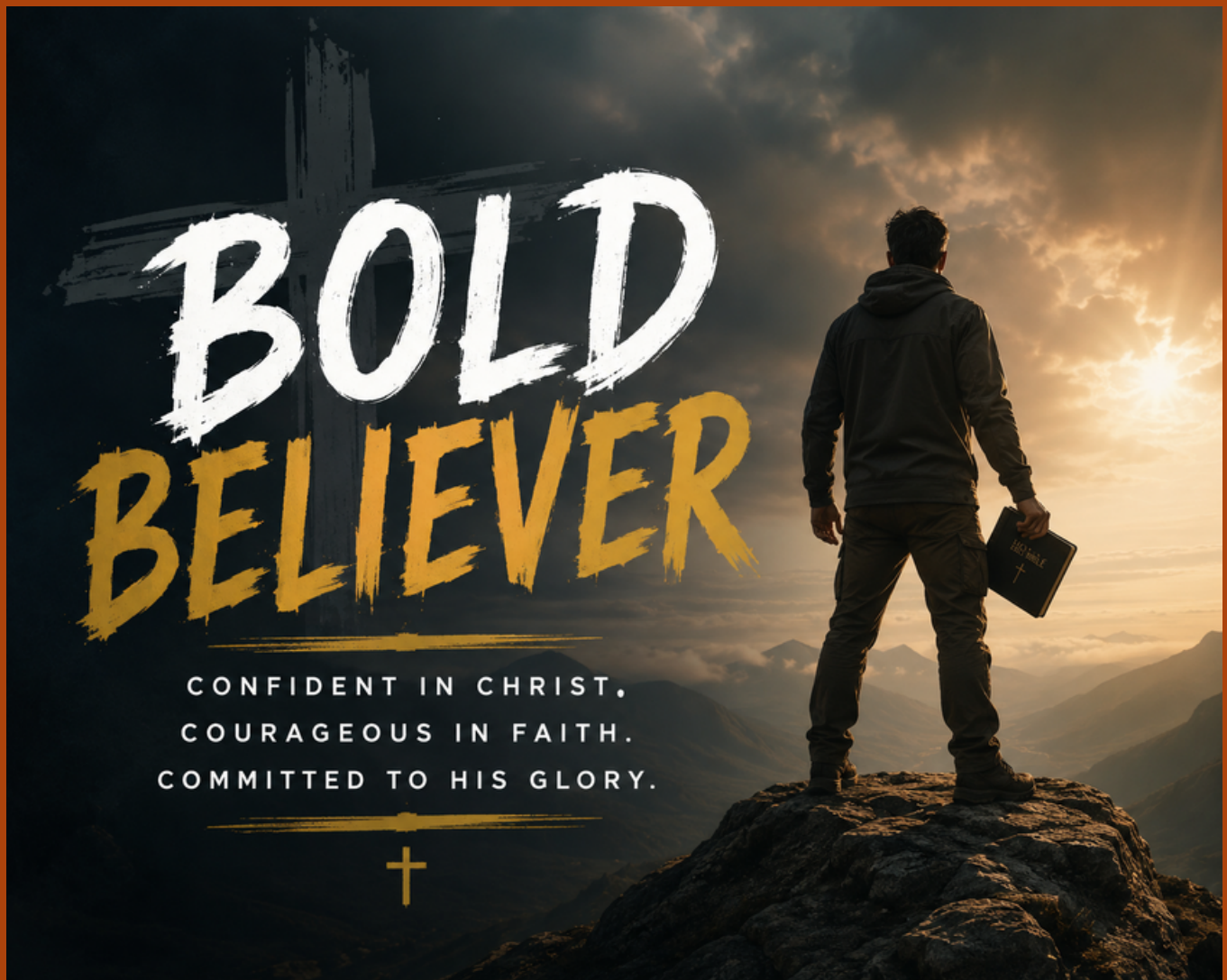




Calvary
Baptist Church

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Home Worship Guide

Bold Believer

As a church, we recognize God's calling on our lives to be Bold Believers in Christ. What is a Bold Believer? How can you be equipped to be a Bold Believer? Our prayer is that you are encouraged to be confident in Christ, courageous in faith, and committed to God's glory.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

Bold Believers Trust God

Read: Proverbs 3:4-5

When you hear the words “Bold Believer,” what comes to your mind? Today we will discuss how the Bold Believer is known for their trust in God. Our verse today tells us not to lean on our own understanding, but to trust in the Lord. Do you know what the Hebrew word for “trust” actually means? It means to lie down on something. To put your trust in someone means to put your entire weight on them. The author of this proverb doubles down and tells us to trust the Lord with all of our heart. “All your heart” communicates that you’re not holding anything back from trusting God. This means when you experience a devastating loss... you put your entire trust in God. This means that when you don’t know what is going to happen and all you can think of is how it can go wrong... you put your entire trust in God. Not in yourself, but in the God you serve. A Bold Believer is always on their knees praying to God. This is how we trust God. This is how we become a Bold Believer.

Why is it easier and more natural to lean on our own understanding rather than trust in God?

What does it look like to lean on your own understanding? How is that different from trusting God?

The devotional says, "A Bold Believer is always on their knees praying to God." How would your life be different if prayer became your first response instead of your last resort?

The devotional says that bold believers trust God during devastating loss and uncertain circumstances. Why do trials often reveal where our trust really lies?

Pray

Put your trust in God today.

Sing

‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Chorus:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
neath the healing, cleansing flood! [Refrain]

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace.



TUESDAY

Bold Believers Stand for Truth

Read: Daniel 3:8-27

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had the opportunity to either stand for truth or literally bow to a lie. It would have saved them a lot of trouble had they compromised on truth and simply bowed before the golden statue. But Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were Bold Believers who stood for truth. They were not going to be intimidated by threats, even if it meant losing their lives. Their confidence wasn't in their own strength but in the God they served. They boldly declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us... But if not... we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image" (Daniel 3:17-18). What incredible faith! They believed God could rescue them, but even if He chose not to, they would still obey Him. That is what bold believing looks like. As followers of Christ, we will also face moments when obedience is costly. Culture may pressure us to compromise, but God's truth never changes. Let us be Bold Believers who stand firm on truth, trusting that honoring God is always worth the cost, regardless of the outcome.

What does their response, "But if not..." (Daniel 3:18), teach us about genuine faith?

What are some ways our culture pressures Christians to "bow" today, even if it's not to a literal idol?

Why is it sometimes easier to compromise than to stand firm?

What are some practical ways we can prepare ourselves now to stand firm before we face difficult situations?

How can spending time in God's Word strengthen our convictions and help us resist compromise?

Pray

Pray that God would give you the confidence to stand firm on the truth when you're tempted to waver.

Sing

In Christ Alone

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.



WEDNESDAY

Bold Believers Speak the Gospel

Read: Acts 4:29-31

Just read it. I mean, read Acts 4:29-31. We see “boldness” twice. The first time is in verse 29 when they prayed, “grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness.” Should this be your prayer today? Have you ever prayed this? If so, when was the last time you begged God to give you boldness to speak the gospel? Let us be a people that have this prayer on our hearts and tongues at all times. After they prayed this prayer, verse 31 says that they were then “filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.” Do you see a correlation between praying for boldness and being granted boldness? We should be leaning into God to receive boldness to communicate the wondrous gospel, even when it’s hard, awkward, or weird. Bold Believers speak the gospel because they have done the work to pray for the boldness to do so. Be courageous and pray for boldness to speak the gospel.

What is boldness?

What stands out to you most about the believers' prayer in Acts 4:29-31?

When you think about sharing the gospel, what emotions do you usually experience (fear, excitement, uncertainty, confidence, etc.)? Why?

How does knowing that boldness comes from God—not just from your personality—encourage you?

Imagine God answered your prayer for boldness exactly as He did in Acts 4. What would change about your life, your conversations, and your witness?

Pray

Pray that God would grant you the ability to speak the gospel with all boldness.

Sing

My Jesus I Love Thee

MY JESUS I LOVE THEE

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.



THURSDAY

Bold Believers Persevere Through Suffering

Read: 2 Cor. 12:7-10

Paul knew what it meant to suffer. His suffering seems to be ongoing. It is unclear if his suffering is physical or otherwise. But it is clear that, although God was the ultimate source of the thorn, Satan delivered the blow of this thorn. I don't know if you've ever been pricked by a thorn, but it hurts! This thorn of Paul's seems to be somewhat chronic and brings constant pain. Maybe you're like Paul, and you have a thorn in your life that is causing you much, unceasing pain. Maybe you've even prayed multiple times, like Paul, for this pain to be removed from your life. It could be that your thorn is a lot like Paul's in that it gives you an opportunity to glorify God through the pain. After all, Paul finds contentment in his pain and suffering. For even though he is weak, he is also strong through the grace of Christ. Are you willing to boast all the more gladly in your weakness, as Paul did? Bold Believer persevere through their suffering and glorify God in it.

Why do you think God allowed Paul to continue suffering instead of removing his "thorn"?

Have you ever experienced a "thorn" in your own life—something painful that didn't go away even after praying about it? How did it affect your faith?

How can we encourage fellow believers who are walking through long seasons of suffering?

How does Jesus' own suffering and death help you endure suffering with hope?

If God chose not to remove your greatest struggle, how would you want your response to display the sufficiency of Christ's grace to those around you?

Pray

Pray that God would make his strength perfect through your weakness.

Sing

Crown Him with Many Crowns

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.



FRIDAY

Bold Believers Live for God's Glory

Read: Romans 12:1-2

Becoming a living, breathing sacrifice is an oxymoron. A sacrifice is, by definition, something you kill. But not we who believe in Christ as our Savior. We are the only kind of sacrifice that stays alive. It is by our very lives that we glorify God. We sacrifice our desires, wants, and even needs so that we can give everything to God, through complete and total surrender. And once we have offered our lives to God as a living sacrifice, our relationship with the world naturally changes. We are warned by Paul not to “be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.” Notice how this is a passive transformation. You don’t transform yourself. By giving God all of yourself, you open yourself up to becoming transformed by Him. God has a purpose for this transformation, that you might become “good and acceptable and perfect.” The purpose, though, is not about making us righteous. The purpose is to bring glory to God. Bold Believers live for God’s glory.

What is the difference between being conformed to the world and being transformed by God?

Why is surrendering our own desires often difficult?

What are some practical ways we can renew our minds daily?

Why is God's goal for our transformation ultimately His glory rather than our comfort or success?

How does remembering the gospel help us joyfully surrender our lives to God?

Pray

Pray that you would be transformed by God and made a new creation.

Sing

Only a Holy God

ONLY A HOLY GOD

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God!



Oh come,
let us
worship
and bow down;

let us
kneel
before the
Lord,
our Maker!

—♥—
Psalm 95:6

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10:00am



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"Go home to your friends and
tell them how much the Lord
has done for you, and how he
has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:19

