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If you read throughout the Book of Acts, you can easily see that the first-century believers boldly spoke the Word of God. Be sure to note Peter and the other apostles, the believers in Jerusalem, Stephen, Philip, Paul and Barnabas, later Paul with Silas and Timotheus, Apollos, Aquila and Priscilla—these all spoke God’s Word without fear.

From the Apostle Peter’s teaching on the day of Pentecost all the way to the Apostle Paul’s preaching and teaching in his own hired house at the end of the Book of Acts, the Word of God was presented with all boldness in the first century. And this is something that we can practice today.

Like the first-century believers, we too have been called by God to boldly speak His Word in our day and time.

As they were always ready to share “the gospel,” the good news, we can be too. These words written by Paul give us a powerful example to imitate.

*Romans 1:15,16:*

*So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.*

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of [pertaining to] Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew [Judean] first, and also to the Greek.*

We also can boldly speak the truth about what is available in the Grace Administration.

*Colossians 1:27,28:*

*To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.*

By speaking God's Word with boldness, we can provide answers for those who want to know.

*I Peter 3:15:*

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear [respect].*

When we fearlessly speak God's Word, that truth sounds out in the regions where we live and beyond.

*I Thessalonians 1:8:*

*For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith [believing] to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.*

We are pleasing God, our heavenly Father, when we boldly speak His Word of Truth.

*I Thessalonians 2:4:*

*But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.*

As Paul wrote in Ephesians, we can boldly make known the Mystery of the one Body of Christ—as we “ought to”!

*Ephesians 6:19,20:*

*And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*

From its beginning on the day of Pentecost, the believers in the first-century Church were filled with the power of the holy spirit and boldly spoke God's Word without fear. Today, we can speak that same Word of God that brings abundance and power. And how do we speak it? Boldly, without fear!

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