

Presenting the Gospel with Courage

“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” - Matthew 28:19,20

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the most powerful message ever entrusted to humanity. It is a message of hope, redemption, and eternal life — the very essence of God’s love for the world. As followers of Christ, we are not given the option to remain silent about this truth. It is our sacred duty to proclaim the Gospel boldly, yet with a spirit of grace and tact.

Courage and boldness are indispensable when sharing the Gospel. The early apostles serve as unwavering examples of this. In the book of Acts, we read about Peter and John standing before the Sanhedrin, fearlessly declaring the name of Jesus despite the threat of imprisonment and death. Paul, too, proclaimed Christ crucified in the face of relentless persecution. Their courage did not stem from their own strength but from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, who emboldened them to speak the truth without compromise.

However, courage does not mean being abrasive or confrontational. Boldness must be accompanied by tactfulness. Colossians 4:6 instructs us, “Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.” Tactfulness is not about diluting the Gospel but about communicating it in a way that considers the listener’s heart, background, and circumstances. It is about speaking the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).

Jesus Himself embodied this balance. He spoke boldly to the religious leaders who corrupted Jehovah’s Law, yet He gently revealed the truth to

the woman at the well. His approach was tailored to each individual, always rooted in love and a desire for their salvation. We, too, must ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom in our words so that we can address each person with the right combination of boldness and gentleness.

Why is this balance so important? We need to remember that the goal is not to win arguments but to win souls. An untactful presentation of the Gospel will always push people away, while a timid one can leave them uninformed about the severity of their need for Christ. We are “ambassadors on behalf of Christ” (2 Corinthians 5:20), representing both His truth and His grace. Practically speaking, this means we must be prayerful and prepared. We should diligently study the Word of God, not only to deepen our understanding but also to answer questions and correct misconceptions with clarity. We must listen to those we speak with, showing genuine care for their struggles and concerns. Above all, we must rely on guidance from the Holy Spirit, who guides our words and softens hearts.

In every encounter, let us remember that sharing the Gospel is not a task to check off a list but an act of love. It is a privilege to be God’s messengers, proclaiming the Good News of salvation. May we speak boldly, with unyielding courage, but may our words always carry the grace and tact of Christ Himself. In this balance, we truly reflect the heart of the Gospel — the unchanging truth of God’s love reaching out to a lost and broken world.



Suggested reading:
The Gospel of Jesus – God’s Plan for Salvation