

12 Days of Thanksgiving: Day 10, The Gospel



Day 10: The Gospel

"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor: He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

Gospel [gos-puh l] noun

Definitions:

1. the teachings of Jesus and the apostles; the Christian revelation.
 2. the story of Christ's life and teachings, especially as contained in the first four books of the New Testament, namely Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
 3. (usually initial capital letter) any of these four books.
 4. something regarded as true and implicitly believed:
 5. a doctrine regarded as of prime importance:
 6. glad tidings, especially concerning salvation and the kingdom of God as announced to the world by Christ.
- Many people believe the truth of the **Gospel** pertains to a

moment of decision; when Jesus is accepted as Savior. While the life-giving words of the **Gospel** are the key to salvation, they also unlock the plan for daily life. As Christians we have the privilege of speaking the **Gospel** into our everyday trials and tribulations and our greatest challenges and hardships. Let the truth of the **Gospel** transform your life from day one until Jesus calls you home.

Give Thanks for the Gospel

I am so thankful that the **Gospel** is our hope for eternity and for the everyday. What are some ways you can let the **Gospel** transform your daily life? Perhaps we can try one of the following suggestions this week.

1. To offer tangible help to the brokenhearted. We can be the hands and feet of Jesus by taking a meal to a grief-stricken person, offering time to listen, sending a card, or calling.
2. Pray for those caught in sin or addictions. While we cannot force people to give up drugs or alcohol, we can fervently pray that they will be convicted of their sin and see their need to be set free.
3. Volunteer our time. Many churches and ministries need help with their programs. Consider serving in a food pantry, volunteering at a pro-life clinic, teaching a Sunday school class, or working at a homeless shelter.

More Gospel

[1 Thessalonians A Life of Faith, Part 3: The Gospel](#) a Bible study by Mary Kane

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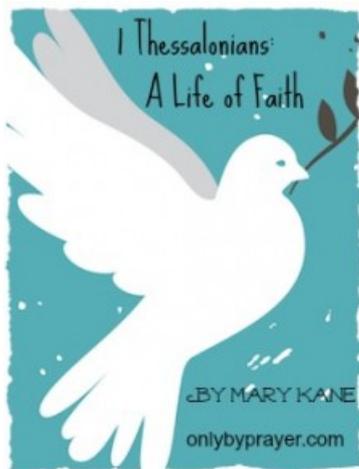
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1 Thessalonians A Life of Faith, Part 3: The Gospel



The Bible states God is the God of Hope. He offers His hope to us through the good news of **the Gospel**. By the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we can accept one of the many gifts of **the Gospel**—hope. “The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.” Psalm 147:11. In the face of hardship, trials and persecution, we please God when we choose to fear Him instead of our

circumstances.

Because of the Gospel, we have hope for our trials, our diagnosis, our wounds and our brokenness. To learn about the hope of **the Gospel**, please click on the link below.

A Life of Faith: The Gospel, Part 3

be the one



I was half asleep, somewhere in the zone where asleep and awake collide, of fuzzy thoughts and drowsy dreams, when God interrupted with a message.

I had been praying for my drama class. After weeks of rehearsing, running lines, rehearsing again, blocking, dancing, more rehearsing again (because *you still haven't given your all*), my troops were weary and timid and wondering: *Did they have what it takes to knock it out on stage?* I wanted them to quit holding back and open their mouths and hearts and give their all so God would get the glory. I couldn't wait to tell them.

The next day during our pre-rehearsal prayer time pep talk, I rallied my students by telling them the message God gave me for them:

be the one.

Would they to be the one to use their gifts? Would they be the one who'd leave it all on the stage, to

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? Would they be the one who'd stop living small, hiding in the shadows, and step into the light and live large?

What about you?

Can you be the one? Can you be the one to say yes, to say no, to stand up, to hold your ground? Can you be the one to speak up, speak out, speak for?

Can you be the one to pray, to believe, to walk, to run, to fight, to love, to forgive? Can you be the one to tear down walls, take down giants, and tell mountains to move?

Can you be the one to tell the world, your neighbors, your friends, your enemies that Jesus loves them? Can you be the one to speak truth, to speak hope, to speak faith?

Life today is filled with pressures to do more, be more and achieve more. But God has called you to do one thing, to be the one He created you to be.

Be the one.

*“Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.”
Philippians 1:27*

Action points

1. Be the one at work who goes the extra mile, who doesn't

complain, and who encourages others.

2. Be the one at home who loves with no return, gives forgiveness, and offers a second, third, twentieth, or two hundredth chance.
3. Be the one at church who lifts a burden, who gives from the heart, and serves like Jesus is coming back today.

How can you be the one?

Leave me a comment below. I'd love to hear from you!

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**Christmas To-Doers List 2017:
Watch, Part 2**



Watch for Him

To help you continue to **watch** for Jesus this Christmas season, please read the Scriptures below. Consider how Zachhaeus watched for Jesus. What can you learn from Zacchaeus? How can you watch for Jesus today? Please comment on what you learned in the Comment section below. Remember, be a doer of His Word this Christmas season!

Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus' House

1 Then *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho.
2 Now behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.
3 And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.
4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at

your house.”



6 So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.
7 But when they saw *it*, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.”
8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”
9 And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; 10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

How can you watch for Jesus today?

Be a doer of His Word!

Merry Christmas

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12 Days of Thanksgiving: Day 11, Boldness



Day 11: Boldness

"But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict." 1 Thessalonians 2:2

Boldness [bohld] adjective

1. not hesitating or fearful in the face of actual or possible danger or rebuff; courageous and daring: a bold hero.
2. not hesitating to break the rules of propriety; forward; impudent:
3. necessitating courage and daring; challenging: a bold adventure.

I am often confused as to why people associate Christianity with weakness and timidity. The International Society for Human Rights estimates 7,000 to 8,000 Christians are martyred each year. It takes great **boldness** to swim against the tides of culture and be what God has created us to be – born-

again believers. Thankfully, God did not save us then leave us to fend for ourselves in a world that is not our home. He did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, sound mind, and love. Because of the gift of His power, we may live with great **boldness**, despising persecution and oppression. Read our focus verse for today again. What is the result of suffering?
Boldness.

This Thanksgiving, let's give thanks to God for His gift of boldness.

Boldness with Our Gifts: Dearest Father, we thank You for the blessing of boldness. Gifts are meant to be used; not relegated to a shelf to collect dust. Help us to claim Your gift as our own, and boldly use it to make disciples, edify other believers, and bring You great glory. Give us discernment to know when You're calling us to boldly leap by faith and witness for the Gospel. We pray in Jesus' Holy Name, Amen.

Boldness with our Words: Dear Lord, thank You for entrusting us with the Gospel. Help us to faithfully fulfill this amazing privilege. We do not have to worry about what to say because You have given us the words in Your Word. We may boldly proclaim the truth, sowing seeds of salvation in every relationship, situation, and experience we encounter. Help us to boldly speak and trust You for the outcome. Thank You we don't have to feel bold to be bold. Amen.

More Boldness

[Worship with Abandon](#) a blog post by Jane VanOsdol

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Please leave a comment below in the **Comment** section on what God teaches you today about **boldness**.

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