

# The 12 Days of Thanks Giving: Day 11



## 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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Bold. Dictionary.com. *Collins English Dictionary – Complete & Unabridged 10th Edition*. HarperCollins Publishers. <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/sacrifice> (accessed: November 15, 2014).

"1 Thessalonians 2 (New King James Version)." Blue Letter Bible. Sowing Circle. Web. 22 Nov, 2014. <<http://www.blueletterbible.org/Bible.cfm?b=Psa&c=111&p=0&rl=0&t=NKJV>>.