

November 7: God Goes Before You

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31.

- What future situation is currently creating fear or uncertainty in you? How does knowing that God goes before you change your perspective?
- Courage to obey God comes from confidence in God, not in ourselves. Whenever we step out in faith to obey God with bold actions, we must not rely on our own strength or talents. Rather, we rely on God's power and His Spirit.
- Do you struggle with lack of confidence? Do you struggle with being overconfident in your own abilities? Either way, repent of relying on yourself and turn to God today. Ask Him to fill you with His strength and grace to take the brave actions He is calling you to take.
- Pastor Whitcomb shared this powerful truth: **"God has other options. He's not stuck with you – He has chosen you! He has six billion people in the world to choose from, and He chooses you."** How does this make you feel about God's love for you? Remember: God has options, and He chose you anyway! Rejoice in the fact that God has chosen you to serve Him.

Pray this prayer out loud: "Father, thank You for going before me. When I cannot see what is ahead, remind me that Your presence is already there. Give me courage to move forward without fear or discouragement. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

November 8: Turn Obstacles Into Opportunities

Read Deuteronomy 31:3-8.

- In his sermon this weekend, Pastor Whitcomb said, **"Sometimes it's what God withholds from us in one season of life that pushes us to do great things later in life."** What does this statement mean to you?
- What are some things God has withheld from you earlier in life that have pushed you to take brave actions today? How can you turn your obstacles into opportunities?
- After this week, what will living Big, Bold, and Brave look like in your life?

Prayer: Pray and ask God to give you His big vision for your life. Ask Him for the courage to step out in bold faith so you can take brave actions today!



Daily Devotional for BIG, BOLD, AND BRAVE

Here is a Daily Devotional to enable you to make the most out of this sermon. You may use it for your personal growth or discuss it together in your Life Group.

November 2: See What God Sees

Read Nehemiah 2:4.

- What spoke to you the most from the sermon by Pastor Whitcomb last weekend? How would the truths he shared impact your life?
- What situation has God placed on your heart that you would like to see changed?
- Pastor Whitcomb taught us last weekend, **"If you don't have a lot of options, you're kind of stuck. You end up with something you didn't want. You settle for less than ideal."** What does this statement mean to you?
- Have you allowed your limitations to make your vision smaller? What could become possible if you fully embraced God's vision for your life?
- What first step can you take toward that vision? Pray and ask God to show you His vision for your life. Commit yourself to embrace God's vision. Don't doubt!

Pray this prayer out loud: "Father, open my eyes to Your vision for my life. Help me see beyond present limitations and recognize what You want to accomplish through me in Jesus' name. Amen."

November 3: God Chose You

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7.

- The Bible says that God has given a spiritual gift to every one of us. What gift has God given to you? Why do you think you have this gift?
- Pastor Whitcomb stated in his sermon, “**God works in all of us. He puts His Spirit in all of us. And God has given each of us a spiritual gift.**” What does this statement mean to you?
- The best way to develop your spiritual gift is to exercise it. What are some ways you can begin to use your spiritual gift to serve others? Which ministry team at Agape House would be the best place to begin exercising your gift?
- If you don’t yet know the gift God has given to you, pray and ask Him to reveal it to you. If you know your spiritual gift, ask God to show you ways to develop and use your gift for His glory at Agape House.

Make this declaration in faith: “God has options, and He chose me anyway! I belong to Christ. I am gifted by His Spirit. I am available for His purposes. God will use my life for His glory!”

November 4: Pray Bigger

Read Acts 4:23-31.

- What stands out to you most about the bold prayers prayed by Apostles Peter and John?
- How would you describe the way you typically pray? In what ways do your prayers reflect what you believe about God?
- Pastor Whitcomb reminded us, “**God responds to the voice of faith. God doesn't respond to need - He responds to faith.**” What does this statement mean to you?
- What bold prayers do you need to start praying today? What impact would it have on our church and our nation if everyone at Agape House began praying bold prayers?
- Our prayers often become bolder when we pray together with others. Commit to attend an Agape House prayer meeting this month.

Pray this prayer in faith: “Sovereign Lord, enlarge my faith and teach me to pray boldly. Give me courage to believe You for things beyond my own ability and resources. Let Your power be revealed through my life in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

November 5: Face It With Faith

Read Romans 4:18-21.

- Abraham believed, and then he became. Believing always leads to becoming. When you believe God, you will become what He’s called you to be. What reality have you been reluctant to face? How would faith respond differently from fear in this situation?
- In his sermon this weekend, Pastor Whitcomb said, “**Living by faith does not mean living in denial. Faith cannot fix what you cannot face.**” What does this statement mean to you? What obstacles do you need to face with faith today so that you can become what God has called you to be?
- When you want God to use you, you will face obstacles. Some of the obstacles will be external, and some will be internal. How can you face your obstacles today and overcome them by faith?

Prayer: Pray and ask God to help you believe and become all He wants you to be.

November 6: Get Out of Your Comfort Zone

Read Matthew 14:22-33..

- Do you think Peter felt nervous when he first got out of the boat? What prompted Peter to step out onto the water? What caused him to begin to sink?
- In his sermon this weekend, Pastor Whitcomb said, “**Courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is doing the right thing even if you feel afraid.**” What does this statement mean to you?
- In which areas is God calling you to step out of the boat and walk on water? What is keeping you from leaving your comfort zone? Pray and ask God to give you courage that overcomes fear.

Make this declaration out loud: “Fear will not control my decisions. I will step beyond my comfort zone and courageously obey God. I am ready to take brave action toward His purpose for my life.”
