

# MOVING FORWARD (Recap)

- Fear of the Unknown
- Holding on to the past
- The fear of opposition

*'Do not fear, the Lord is with you'*

Step up and  
Step out!  
(Joshua 1 : 6-9)

- Joshua was called by God to step up and lead
- *God had been preparing Joshua*  
(Deuteronomy)
- Joshua served faithfully for over 40 years
- God has been preparing us also

Step up and  
Step out!  
(Joshua 1 : 6-9)

Three times Joshua was encouraged to be strong and courageous.

1. For I have chosen you
2. Obey the Law of Moses, then you will be successful
3. Do not Fear, for the Lord is with you.



Matthew 10:25-31

BE BOLD AND  
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# Matthew 10: 24-28 (NLT)

- 24 “Students<sup>[a]</sup> are not greater than their teacher, and slaves are not greater than their master. 25 Students are to be like their teacher, and slaves are to be like their master. And since I, the master of the household, have been called the prince of demons,<sup>[b]</sup> the members of my household will be called by even worse names!
- 26 “But don’t be afraid of those who threaten you. For the time is coming when everything that is covered will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all.

## Matthew 10: 24-31 (NLT)

- <sup>27</sup> What I tell you now in the darkness, shout abroad when daybreak comes. What I whisper in your ear, shout from the housetops for all to hear!
- <sup>28</sup> “Don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.<sup>[b]</sup>  
<sup>29</sup> What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin<sup>[a]</sup>? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. <sup>30</sup> And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.

# BE BOLD AND FEAR NOT

## MATTHEW 10: 25-31

1. Proclaim **Truth** boldly
2. Expect to receive **opposition**
3. Fear **God**, not man

Proclaim  
Truth  
Openly!  
(Matthew 10:27)

*'What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops'*

Jesus spoke in 'parables' and often taught the disciples in private. The time was right to proclaim truth openly

1. Why truth? John 8:31-32 – truth comes with obedience; having a real relationship with Jesus sets us free.
2. Power of Truth – Hebrews 4:12 – Diagnoses the spiritual condition of man with perfect precision. The only tool that can cut this deep. (Power of the Gospel / 'Easter' message)



Why Truth?  
(John 8: 31-32)  
NLT

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the people **who believed in him**, "You are truly my disciples if you **remain faithful to my teachings**. <sup>32</sup> And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

The Power  
of Truth  
(Hebrews 4:12)  
NLT

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is **alive and powerful**. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, **cutting between soul and spirit**, between joint and marrow. **It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires**

## Fear of Opposition (Matthew 10:26- 28)

*'Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves' so be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves.'*

- Three times Jesus tells them not to fear
  1. The fear of being labelled ('prince of demons')
  2. The fear of exposing darkness
  3. The fear of death

# Today's Fears

## Religious Freedom

- Influence
- Perception (Media spin)
- Next generation

God does not want us to Fear

# DO NOT FEAR!

(Matthew 10:26-28)

1. 'Members of my household will be called even worse names – proof you are in right standing with God. (Matthew 5:11) –
2. Everything hidden will be exposed - a time is coming when what we believe will be made to look rigid, out of date and lacking compassion) but we will be vindicated in time.
3. They can kill your body, but not your soul. They can kill you but they cannot destroy you. (body, soul and spirit). 1Thess 5:23
4. God's Providential plan is perfect even for sparrows how much more us!

Fear God!  
(Matthew 10:28)  
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28 "Save your fear for God, who holds your entire life—body and soul—in his hands.

- Do not confuse **Power** and **Authority**
- Satan's Power is limited so nothing can happen to you without God's permission
- God has **all power** and the **final authority**
- Fear of Man a **snare (trap)** – Proverbs 29:25
- The fear of God causes us to run **to him** not **away** from Him

# Final Thoughts

'Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders....'

