

"Seven Values Of A Forerunner"

Session Eight: Speak Boldly

I) Introduction

1. This is the final session in our "Forerunner 101" series. In this series I have covered *why the forerunner message, pray daily, fast weekly, do justly, give extravagantly, live holy and lead diligently.*
2. It's critical that we give ourselves now to becoming a faithful witness for Jesus, because with the increase of the prophetic that's here and coming God is going to require the Church to share the whole counsel of God and it will be disruptive to the people of our culture.

II) Being A Faithful Witness To The Truth

1. God is currently calling forth a prophetic people that will share His heart with others without connection to the fear of man or the praise of man. They will say that which is unpopular and uncommon, but it will be said through the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - a) **Acts 20:27** *"For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God."*
2. It's important that we work to allow the truth itself to be offensive and not the messenger. Many people reject truthful messages simply because the messenger was offensive.
3. Being a faithful witness simply means that we speak truth, in tenderness and love without diluting the message.
4. Our witness for Jesus and Truth must be biblical, clear, bold and humble.
 - a) **Biblical** = This means we stay within the boundary lines of the scriptures (Bible).
 - b) **Clear** = This means we speak truth so that the hearers can clearly understand.
 - c) **Bold** = This means we speak truth without bitterness or anger towards others.
 - d) **Humble** = This means we share truth without a personal agenda, but for the benefit of the hearers.
5. Being a faithful witness costs us relationships, money and ministry influence among other things.
6. Brother Yun said "the rejection he received from other Christians for the truth that he stood for was more painful than the torture he received in prison." **2nd Timothy 3:12** *"Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution."*

III) Jesus The Faithful Witness

1. **Revelation 1:5** *"...and from Jesus Christ the Faithful Witness..."* In the last book of the Bible, the Revelation, Jesus is described as "The Faithful Witness."

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2. The word witness used here comes from the Greek word “Martur” (Martyr). It’s the same word used in **Acts 1:8** for their bold witness and for the beheading of the martyrs in **Revelation 20:4**.
 - a) **John 18:37** *“Pilate therefore said to Him, are You the King then? Jesus answered, You say rightly that I am a King. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”*
3. It’s not that Jesus was the Faithful Witness, but it’s that Jesus still is the Faithful Witness.
4. The heart issues of humanity in connection with cultural and moral issues will make it very difficult to remain faithful witnesses for Jesus and of truth.
 - a) **Matthew 10:28** *“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”*
5. In **Matthew 16:14** it was assumed that Jesus was like Elijah, Jeremiah and John the Baptist because He also refused to let up concerning the truth even when it would cost Him His life.

IV) A Fourfold Expression Of Speaking Boldly As A Faithful Witness

1. **Speak Boldly—Personal Salvation**
 - a) Being a faithful witness requires that we first present a message of personal salvation (**Luke 15:10**). We provoke the people of our culture to give their lives to Jesus.
 - b) Prior to Jesus’ return the Church will see the greatest harvest of souls for Jesus in any time in human history (**John 4; Revelation 7**).
2. **Speak Boldly—Expose Lies**
 - a) Jesus promised that prior to His return many false prophets would emerge both in the Church and outside the Church (**Matthew 14:5,11; 24**). We are responsible to expose the harmful lies of false prophets and teachers. Jesus even commended the Church of Ephesus for calling out false ministries (**Revelation 2:2**).
 - b) There’s a difference between false ministries and weakness and deficiencies in other ministries and people.
 - (i) **Heresy** = Teachings that keep people from salvation. Big lies about Jesus.
 - (ii) **Deceptions** = Teachings that hinder believers from fellowshiping with others in the larger body of Christ.
 - (iii) **Errors** = Wrong beliefs about secondary issues of the Kingdom. They prevent people from entering into the fullness of God.
 - c) We expose heresy and deception and have grace and patience with errors.

3. **Speak Boldly—Prophetic Invitations and Warnings**

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- a) God requires that His messengers share with others what He is saying about what’s coming to cities, nations and the earth. For the sake of love Jesus wants the nations to know about the positives and negatives so that they can respond rightly to Him.

(i) **Amos 3:7-8** *“Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken! Who can but prophesy?”*

(ii) **Ezekiel 33:3-8**

4. **Speak Boldly—Eschatological Intersession**

- a) Jesus is calling forth a global incense movement of worship and prayer that will usher in the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

(i) **Matthew 6:9-10** *“In this manner, therefore, pray; Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”*

(ii) **Ephesians 1:10** *“...that in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.”*

- b) Only one generation gets to hasten the Day of the Lord (**2nd Peter 3:12**). This cooperate bride will petition heaven that Jesus would come and assert His leadership over their nation and the nations of the earth.

- c) It’s a prayer that’s goes beyond prosperity, power, prestige, revival, salvation and Church growth. It’s a prayer for world redemption.

- d) This prayer and worship movement is and will be focused primarily on Jesus second coming!

(i) **Revelation 22:17** *“And the Spirit and the bride say “Come! And let him who hears say, Come!...”*