Life in the Word Series

Bold As A Lion
(Facing Your Fears)

Lesson Two:
Living Boldly for God

Proverbs 28:1

The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 14:1-12

At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the report about Jesus and said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him.” For Herod had laid hold of John and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife.

Because John had said to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” And although he wanted to put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. But when Herod’s birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod.

Therefore, he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. So, she, having been prompted by her mother, said, "Give me John the Baptist's head here on a platter." And the king was sorry; nevertheless, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he commanded it to be given to her.

So, he sent and had John beheaded in
prison. And his head was brought on a
platter and given to the
girl, and she brought it to her mother.
Then his disciples came and took away the
body and buried it,
and went and told Jesus.

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Who is John the Baptist?

John the Baptist was a relative, prophet, and the Forerunner of Jesus who prepared the way for His ministry.

Six Key Lessons on Living Boldly for God:

1. Hold Truth Above Personal Safety.

Acts 5:29

We must obey God
rather than men.

2. Speak with Clarity, Not Cruelty.

3. Recognize Authority but Fear God More.

Proverbs 29:25

The fear of man is a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is set securely on high.

4. Accept that Consequences May Follow.

II Timothy 3:12

All who desire to live
godly in Christ Jesus
will be persecuted.

5. Stay Consistent in Private and Public.

Psalm 101:2

I will walk with integrity of heart in my house.

6. Trust God to Use Your Witness.

Four Practical Steps for Everyday Boldness:

1. Begin the Day in Scripture.

Psalm 1:2-3

2. Identify One Area Where Cultural Pressure Tempts Silence.

3. Seek Fellowship With Courageous Believers.

Hebrews 10:25

4. Memorize Key Verses On Boldness.

Joshua 1:9

Boldness stands when others bow, it speaks when others choose silence, it acts when others allow circumstances to paralyze them. Boldness perseveres, protects, persists.

Follow Up Chat Questions:

1. “Truth always have a cost” Share your experience.
2. How does your private life reflect your public life?
3. What is it that you hold fast to no matter what the culture around you does?
4. How can you apply today’s lesson to your Christian walk?