

LIVING BOLDLY BY FAITH
ECCLESIASTES 11:1-6
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I. The life of bold faith as exemplified by a merchant. (2 examples in 11:1-2)

A. The bold business venture of vs. 1

1. What does it mean to cast your bread upon the waters?
2. “For” gives the reason for casting all your goods on the waters of the sea.
3. *Casting all your bread* speaks to 3 aspects of the life of faith.

B. Diverse & diligent in his investment - vs. 2

1. What does he mean by give a portion to 7 or to 8?
2. What is the reason given for doing this?
3. What is the point to be taken?

II. The life of bold faith as exemplified through a farmer—11:3-4

A. 2 difficulties for the farmer. 11:3

B. One way a farmer might respond to these potential crises. 11:4

C. What is a better response to potential disaster outside our control? 11:6

III. A call to the life of bold faith.

A. We are in the same situation as the merchant and the farmer. 11:5

B. Example of Human life to show how little we know.

C. How are we to respond to living in a world we cannot predict or control?

1. Casting our bread upon the water – giving ourselves wholly to God
2. Giving a portion to 7 or 8 – living wholly for God in all spheres.
3. Sowing our seed with diligence – living as witnesses for God.

D. What does this look like for us?

1. With our time. Ephesians 5:15-16
2. With our resources. 2 Corinthians 9:6-9
3. In our witness. 1 Corinthians 3:5-7
4. With our entire life of faith. Mark 8:34-37