

## **Bold, Confident Proclamation** **Ephesians 3:1-13 & Acts 26 & Philippians 3:4-9**

Each of us should boldly and confidently proclaim salvation through Jesus. Each of us should boldly and confidently proclaim the Gospel. Each of us should boldly and confidently proclaim the reality of Jesus' resurrection. We may not have the practiced and steady way of, or so public an opportunity for proclaiming, as did Charlie Kirk, but each of us should boldly and confidently proclaim Jesus, the Gospel, and His resurrection.

Bold and confident proclamation requires not just knowledge of, but relationship with Jesus. As that relationship deepens, our knowledge of Him, of the Gospel, and of His resurrection should also deepen. Training, study, practice, prayer, and repetition are keys to growing bold and confident. We, like Paul, should remember the depths from which God pulled us, and like both Paul and Charlie Kirk, hone our proclamation skills. Both of these martyrs learned the truth of Scripture and the customs of the culture in which they served.

**Topic:** The Apostle Paul was a Jew's Jew. Paul was called by Jesus to be the Apostle to the Gentiles—to share the light of Jesus with those in darkness and make known the mystery now revealed. That mystery is that salvation is available to all people. He boldly and confidently proclaimed the truth to Jews, Gentiles, and the highest government officials. He boldly and confidently proclaimed Jesus in synagogues, Gentile temples, lecture halls, stadiums, and jails.

- How bold and confident are you in proclaiming Jesus, the Gospel, and the resurrection?
- How often do you proclaim these?
- What resources do you like to consult when studying the truth of Scripture?

**Association:** We each have a testimony and a calling. Briefly share your testimony and describe your calling.

- How would you describe yourself in your BC (before Christ) days? In what did you place your confidence?
- What holds you back from more boldly and confidently proclaiming the truth?
- What holds you back from more regularly proclaiming the truth boldly and confidently?
- In what ways does your calling afford you opportunity to share the truth with others?

**Guidance:** Even the Apostle Paul asked that others, "Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will boldly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should" (Eph. 6:19-20).

-Pray with and for each other. Pray for boldness and confidence.

-Also prepare. RightNow Media contains a wealth of resources. If you don't have RightNow Media access, follow this link: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/join/glendale>.

-Parents, check out *Talking With Your Kids About Jesus* by Natasha Crain  
<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/493404>.

-If you want to learn short answers to difficult issues check out *Quick Shots: Fast Answers to Hard Questions* by J. Warner Wallace  
<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/379632>