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## Living Boldly Without Being Loud

*By Michael Grigsby*

In today's culture, boldness is often mistaken for volume. We tend to associate courage or boldness with those who are the loudest, post the most, or dominate a room when they enter. But biblical boldness looks different. It doesn't focus on who is the loudest in a room. It cares more about the soul. Biblical boldness includes quiet strength, firm conviction, and steady obedience. It is not about drawing attention to ourselves, but about highlighting our Creator through the way we live.

### Jesus as an Example

When Jesus walked the earth, He didn't seek to be the center of attention. Yet, even so, His boldness was evident in everything He did and said. He stood up to religious hypocrisy, showed compassion to the outcast, and laid down His life for sinners.

However, one important thing to note is that Jesus often retreated to a quiet place to talk to His Father. He understood that no matter what chaos arose from His teaching, He needed to take a break to truly listen to God. We see this pattern repeatedly during Jesus' time on earth. Another way He demonstrated the need to be quietly bold was by telling people not to let Him be recognized after the miracles — He didn't seek His own popularity with the people, nor did He need praise for these feats. His only desire was to proclaim God's name in the best way He could.

### Living Boldly

Being bold without being loud means living with integrity when no one is watching, speaking truth with grace and compassion, and remaining faithful in small things. It means being firmly grounded in God's word and unaffected by others' opinions. It's quiet courage that doesn't seek a stage. It's a heart completely surrendered to God.

Think about Daniel; he lived boldly by remaining faithful to God even in a foreign land when things

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# Prayer is the Way

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Amy Warner  
Kaylynn Philpot  
Charlotte Sutton  
Eileen Jinkens  
Emma Burich  
Ashley Crews  
Gentry Wayne Smith  
Clifford Seifried  
James Walters  
Jim Rose  
Bob Ogle  
Jeff Koos  
Craig Rensch  
Austin McKenelley  
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*Note: To call out a prayer need during the week, contact Laberta at 580-886-5225.*

## Desserts Needed for Benefit Lunch



Chicken & Noodles  
w/Fixin's

To Go Orders  
Available



**There will be a benefit lunch on July 13th for Whitney Williams and her son due to the fire that burnt their house. The bank is asking area churches to help provide desserts to be auctioned to help raise funds.**

**The event will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**@ Canton High School Cafeteria**

**Auction will start at 12:30 p.m.**

**(Auctioning Desserts, Baskets, & Green Mountain Grill)**

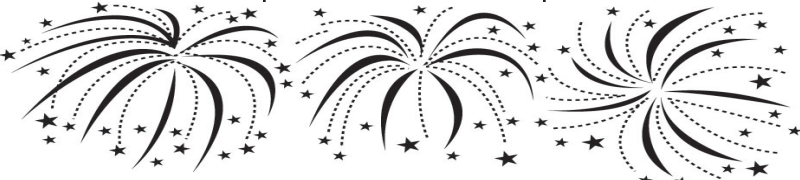
## God loves the way you light up a room.

*"Let your light shine before others,  
that they may see your good deeds  
and glorify your Father in heaven."*

—MATTHEW 5:16

People know when you mean it. When "How are you?" is more than a polite, passing question. When "Let me know how I can help" is more than an excuse to walk away. When your smile reaches your eyes and the words come from your heart, people know it. They know it by the light. It fills the room, chases away the shadows, and shines brighter than any star in the heavens. It's the light of God's love, and when you let it shine through your life—He loves *you* for it.

# July 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Cortney Thompson Sandy Murray	3 Jordon Blackburn Rita Carol McCurdy Jacalyn Grigsby <b>Dennis &amp; Oleta Acre</b>	4 <b>Joe &amp; Wilma Hart</b> 	5
6 <b>Bob &amp; Sueann Baird</b>	7	8 Sueann Baird	9 Ryan Hoskins Amber Allison <b>Mike &amp; Donita Murray</b> <b>Shannon &amp; Sara Hoffman</b>	10 Joshua MacDonald Keaton Littleton Nate Bates	11 Kim Dreessen	12
13	14 Renee Murray	15	16 <b>Matt &amp; Evin Swartwood</b> <b>Curtis &amp; Sheri MacDonald</b>	17	18 Clifford Seifried	19 Elio Palacios
20 <b>Ben &amp; Julie Marks</b>	21	22	23	24 Steve Holsapple <b>David &amp; Brenda Reichert</b>	25	26 Joe Hughes Judy Long
27 Eileen Jenkins Dean Haigler <b>RD &amp; Emma Schultz</b>	28 Shari Holsapple Karla McGinn	29	30 Sharon Lacy Keith Nelson	31 Greg Edwards Zayden Grigsby		
NOTE: Please notify us if a name needs to be removed or added. <b>Contact Toni Goforth at:</b> tonigo4th@hotmail.com or you may text or call 580-822-5109.					?? - July Charlott William - August Evin Swartwood - September  <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	

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# Living Boldly Without Being Loud

became risky. He never shouted or protested, but stayed faithful to God through prayer. And through his unwavering belief, God's power and strength shined through. This shows us that God doesn't need you to be loud and take center stage for His light and power to show through. He can work through anyone, even those labeled as quiet. And that's not just tolerance — it's a preference.

The Bible repeatedly teaches that a wise person should be quiet and seek refuge in God (Isaiah 30:15). While the wicked are loud and raging like a stormy ocean because they cannot be still (Isaiah 57:20), God calls His people to be silent. He associates that quietness with strength, rest, and finding a home in Him.

An important thing to understand is the reason for being quiet. Why should we want to be quiet? When we take the time to be

quiet and eliminate the distractions of the world around us, that's when we truly start to hear God speaking. As we embrace moments of stillness, we experience a peace that can't be found anywhere else. Often, we forget to tune out the noise of the world to hear God's voice, and listening to what God is telling us is very important. That's when we grow in our faith journey.

## How Does This Apply to Me?

Your boldness doesn't have to look like preaching from the stage. It can look like showing up to class with character, being kind to your peers in any situation, praying silently for a friend, and refusing to cheat even if everyone else is. That's not being loud, but it is being bold. Bold enough to stand up for the morals that God teaches us to follow in our daily lives, even if it doesn't make you the popular or fun one.

## ***Large Cross coming to Canton***

The churches of Canton are coming together to raise funds to put up one of the large white crosses that are seen across Western Oklahoma. The cross will be located south of the bank in the Minnie Ha Ha Park area.

You have an opportunity to make a donation to help fund the project.

Donations can be put into a love offering envelope and marked "Cross" to drop into the offering basket and noted cross on the memo line. You can also make a donation online at our website: [cantoncc.com](http://cantoncc.com)



## **Test Your Bible Knowledge ANSWERS**

150 a	156 a
151 b	157 d
152 c	158 c
153 a	159 a
154 a	160 b
155 b	161 b

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

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150. One who obtained something by lying about what was deposited with him for safekeeping, or what he had found (lost by another), or by violence, or deceit was to restore it to its owner, plus (Leviticus 6:1-5)

- a a fifth of its value
- b one-half its value
- c double its value
- d varying proportions, depending on the offense

151. When Moses performed the ceremony that made Aaron and his sons the priests of Israel, he (Leviticus 8:5-29; Exodus 29:4-28)

- a betrayed pique that the priesthood was not his
- b demonstrated a remarkable memory for detail
- c required them to remake and destroy a molten calf
- d forbade other israelites to lay claim to the priesthood

152. Two of Aaron's sons put fire in their censers, with incense, and for this they were (Leviticus 10:1-2)

- a rebuked by moses
- b rebuked by aaron
- c burned to death by the lord
- d praised by moses and aaron

153. The hare and the camel were alike forbidden to the israelites for food because (Leviticus 11:3-8)

- a although both of them chew the cud, neither of them parts the hoof
- b both chew the cud
- c both part the hoof
- d neither one chews the cud or parts the hoof

154. Of the living thing in the seas and rivers, the israelites were allowed to eat only those with (Leviticus 11:9-12)

- a both fins and scales
- b fins
- c scales
- d neither fins nor scales

155. Among the birds specifically forbidden to the israelites for food were (Leviticus 11:13-19)

- a raven, ostrich, swallow, pelican
- b eagle, ossifrage, owl, pelican
- c kite, cormorant, vulture, motmot
- d osprey, sea gull, water hen, kingfisher

156. The "flying creeping" things "that goeth

upon all four" permitted to the israelites for food were those with (Leviticus 11:20-23)

- a legs above their feet
- b no legs above their feet
- c no legs or feet
- d feet above their legs

157. A leper, decreed the Lord, must cover his (Leviticus 13:45)

- a face
- b head
- c forehead
- d upper lip

158. The animal designated by the Lord to bear the iniquities of the people of Israel and go thus laden into the wilderness was (Leviticus 16:22)

- a a ram
- b an ox
- c a goat
- d a bull

159. The Lord prohibited the israelites from eating any manner of blood because (Leviticus 17:10-14)

- a atonement for their souls was to be made through the animal's blood on the altar
- b blood in the diet induced ferocity in the spirit
- c the rich would be tempted to induce the poor to donate blood
- d it made an unsightly dish

160. The Lord's instructions to Moses in Leviticus 18 and 20 forbidding any israelite from "uncovering the nakedness" of his relatives happened not specifically to mention among those relatives one's (Leviticus 18:7-18; 20:10-21)

- a mother
- b daughter
- c sister
- d aunt

161. The Lord's instructions to Moses in Leviticus 18 and 20 happened not to include specifically a prohibition against sexual relations of (Leviticus 18:20-23; 20:10-21)

- a man with man
- b woman with woman
- c man with animal
- d man with neighbor's wife