

WEEK 5: BOLD PARTY!

INTRO: The choices you make today shape your tomorrow. Read that again.

So, you have to ask yourself what kind of decisions you should be making today in order to have the kind of future you want. How can you be more BOLD for Jesus? What else needs to change in your life right now to give you a better future?

Remember this isn't something you have to do on your own. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

BOTTOM LINE: WE CAN BE **BOLD** BECAUSE GOD GIVES US COURAGE.

STEP 1 - DISCUSSION

READ: The Israelites were finally getting ready to enter the land God had promised them. What stood in their way was the overflowing and fast-moving Jordan River. God instructs the priests to carry the Ark of the Covenant, the crate in which the Lord's Spirit inhabited, and step into the river.

This river was wide and had a strong current. There was no way the priests could have swam across with the Ark of the Covenant. Do they choose to do only what is comfortable and relatively safe or do they boldly trust and obey, living their life for God?

Whichever decision they made would affect their entire lives as well as generations to come. They would either wander in the desert forever or bask in the paradise awaiting them.

As the priests walked into the river, it stopped flowing and was drawn away to leave a completely dry walkway right through the middle of the river. The priests, with the Ark of the Covenant, stood in the middle of the river on dry ground as the entire nation of Israel passed through.

DISCUSSION: What kind of choices does a person make who only lives for themselves?

What kind of choices does a person make who only lives for pleasing others?

What kind of choices does a person make who lives to please God?

STEP 2 - BOLD PARTY

SUPPLIES: Mini-Chalkboard, chalk, party popper

WHAT DO TO: The past several weeks you have been focusing in on what being BOLD for Jesus looks like for your family. Choose a scripture verse or quote to help solidify your decision to be BOLD and remind you that God is with you every step of the way. Then write it on the chalkboard provided and keep it in a place where your entire family can see it daily.

Quote Ideas:

- "Above all else, love each other deeply." 1 Peter 4:8
- "Let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18
- "God's power is made perfect in our weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9
- "Let all that I am praise the Lord." Psalm 103:2
- Be BOLD, Be BRAVE, Be FEARLESS

Now, throw a party with your family to celebrate all that God has done in your life up to this point and how you are choosing to trust him with your future! Go all out in whatever way your family loves to celebrate! Don't forget to blow the party popper to kick it off!

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