

THE BOLDNESS OF JABEZ

Our boldness towards God must transition from just seeking a blessing to being a blessing.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ The combined books of 1 & 2 Chronicles cover genealogy (from Adam to King David), the ascension as well as the reign of King David, and, finally, the history of the kings of Judah up until Babylonian captivity. It is also in this genealogical account of 1 Chronicles that we are introduced to a person by the name of Jabez.
- ❖ We are not given much information about this man, but scripture indicates he was named Jabez because his mother bore him in pain. (The Hebrew word “Jabez” coming from an unused root word meaning “to grieve” or “to be sorrowful”.)
- ❖ The Lord told Eve, after she had eaten of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, that her pain would be greatly multiplied during childbirth (Genesis 3:16).
- ❖ We can surmise from the response of Jabez’s mother that she experienced extraordinary pain during his birth.
- ❖ From the moment he was born, Jabez’s life—his experiences—was associated with pain.
- ❖ For some people, pain may arise from a broken relationship, the loss of a loved one, unfulfilled dreams, or the regrets of past mistakes.
- ❖ Pain has the capacity to render us ineffective and, if we are not careful, it can destroy our faith in the limitless possibilities and power of the almighty God.
- ❖ The Bible lets us know that even though Jabez was associated with pain, he was more honourable (admirable, commendable, upright, reputable, righteous) than his brothers.
- ❖ It can be inferred that Jabez was described as more honourable because he had the faith to call on the Lord even though his life was associated with pain.
- ❖ Not only did Jabez express faith in God by calling on him, he also demonstrated boldness.
- ❖ Cambridge Dictionary defines the word boldness as “a brave and confident way of behaving that shows no fear”.
- ❖ In the biblical context, the Hebrew word for boldness translates to “confidence” and “fearlessness”.
- ❖ A person may define a blessing as restoration of a relationship, receiving healing, an increased level of faith or the manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit.

KEY SCRIPTURES:

1 Chronicles 4:9-10; Hebrews 4:14-16

- ❖ Jabez, with his life associated with pain— with his very name meaning sorrow—got bold with God. He got bold and asked God to bless him and enlarge his territory.
- ❖ He was like Jacob, who also demonstrated boldness towards God when he sought a blessing (Genesis 32:24-26).
- ❖ Jabez also asked God to be with him and to keep him from evil so that he himself did not cause anyone else to experience pain.
- ❖ We need to be bold in seeking the face of God for our own personal transformation so that we ourselves can be more like Jesus.
- ❖ But our boldness has to go beyond just seeking God for a blessing. We must progress to a level where we ask God to make us a blessing to someone else (Hebrews 4:14-16).
- ❖ God responded to Jabez’s boldness and gave him what he asked for.
- ❖ We need to understand that our God has not changed. As He was able to answer the prayer of Jabez in the past, He is more than able to answer our prayers today.
- ❖ “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16).

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. How would you describe having boldness towards God?
2. Aside from Jabez and Jacob, list one or more people in the Bible who were bold towards God. In what way were they able to demonstrate this boldness?
3. Describe one area in your life that would require the transformative power of God to help you be a blessing to someone else.
4. List the ways in which we can be a blessing to others. Keep this list handy so that as you go through the week, you can be a blessing to someone else.

Prayer Time

Lord, please help me to boldly approach Your throne for a blessing so that I may be a blessing to someone else.

Start-up: "Grief," "Sorrow," "Pain," "Have you ever experienced any of these sensations? What did you do to recover and how long did it take?"

WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week’s message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

- ✓ (Reminds me/Confirms)
- 💡 (New idea)
- 🧠 (Think about)
- 🗣️ (Do this)
- ❤️ (Speaks to my heart)
- ↔️ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD
Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline

PRAYER FOCUS: F. S. Outreach: Daughter works, personal witnessing, lifestyle evangelism, community work.
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/weprayatfaithsanctuary/>



ANNOUNCEMENTS
MARCH

Saturday 9: Marriage Preparation Course begins

TO SUBMIT AN ANNOUNCEMENT

With approval from Head of Department, send to announcements@faithsanctuary.com by 4:00 p.m., Wednesday (copy media@faithsanctuary.com if projection is desired).



COUPLES' BREAKFAST

Date: Saturday March 9th

Place: Courtyard Marriott Hotel (Vaughan)

Cost: \$50.00 per couple

Spaces are limited to *25 Couples Only* and will be filled on a "first come first served" basis.

Registration Deadline: March 3rd

Contacts: Bro. Bob and Sis. Kim Banton @ 647-244-2498

FASTING AND PRAYER MEETING

Date: Saturday, March 9th

Service Time: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Fasting Time: Begins Friday @7:00 p.m.

Place: Faith Sanctuary

Contact: Sis E. Berbick

MIDNIGHT PRAYER

Date: Friday, March 15th

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Place: Prayer Room and Main Sanctuary

Contact: Sis. E. Berbick

LEADERS NEEDED

We have brothers and sisters in the GTA who need and desire a FS Life Group family in their neighbourhood. If you are interested leading a Life Group, please contact Bro. Burnie Spence for further details.

STOREHOUSE

Needs: Soup, tinned fish, meat and vegetables, lentils, cereal, tea, coffee, milk, sugar, baking mixes, toothpaste, soap, and other non-perishable food items.

Drop Off Location: Blue Bin in the Chapel

Contact: Sis. D. Powell

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

MARCH 3, 2019

Faith

SANCTUARY

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Pastor: Rev. Granville E. McKenzie

And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.
1 Chronicles 4:10 NKJV

SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship: 8:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. • 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.

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