



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: I Thessalonians 2:1-12 (NAS)

“A Holy Boldness”

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- 1 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain,
- 2 but after we had already suffered and been mistreated in Philippi, as you know, we had the boldness in our God to speak to you the gospel of God amid much opposition.
- 3 For our exhortation does not come from error or impurity or by way of deceit;
- 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts.
- 5 For we never came with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed-- God is witness--
- 6 nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority.
- 7 But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children.
- 8 Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.
- 9 For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.
- 10 You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers;
- 11 just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children,
- 12 so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

I. PAUL FOCUSES ON THEIR MINISTRY TO THE CHURCH

A. Was It Pride? No

B. It Was To Counter False Teachers

1. They sought to slander Paul

2. They sought to undermine the gospel

C. Paul Points Them To The Things They Know To Be True

II. BOLDNESS IN OUR GOD

A. The Necessity Of Boldness

1. They had been mistreated in Philippi *Acts 16:22-24, 31*

2. They had been mistreated in Thessalonica *Acts 17:5-8, 10*

3. They had been mistreated in Berea *Acts 17:13*

B. Boldness Is A Cardinal Character Of A Christian Leader *Luke 6:40*

C. Things Which Inhibit Boldness

1. The desire for human acceptance *I Thessalonians 2:4, 6*

2. Greed – the desire for money and what it can buy—things, comfort

D. Examples Of Holy Boldness

1. Jesus *John 7:3-5, 7, 14, 19, 33; 8:40*

2. Paul had learned this boldness in our God

E. The Absence Of Holy Boldness

1. No ripples

2. No eternal value

F. Paul's Confidence In Christ *Romans 8:37-39; 8:18*