



September 23 & 24, 2017

**Part 4**  
**If I Only...Had the Nerve**

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James 4:2-3 NLT

Matthew 5:23-24 NLT

1 Peter 3:7 NLT

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2 Corinthians 12:7-10 NLT

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**SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**

**Thought Provoking:**

What is something that takes nerve for you to ask or do such as; "ask the boss for a raise" or say "yes" to sky diving.

Share a time when you were scared to talk to someone about a difficult subject. Share a time when you faced your nerve and shared what God has done in your life.

**Digging Deeper:**

1. In the Wizard of Oz movie, when asking for courage for their friend, the Wizard's response is, "You are a victim of disorganized thinking. You are under the unfortunate delusion that if you run away from danger you have no courage. Don't mistake lack of courage for wisdom."

Read the passages below and discuss: Boldness, Courage, Wisdom and Arrogance.

What does, "boldly before the throne mean in Hebrews 4:16?

Would a boldness of spirit result in a bolder prayer life?

How does God answer those bold prayers?

Boldness = strong, confidence, clear, no hesitation, no fear.

Bold Prayer: Hebrews 10:19, 1 John 5:14

Bold Love: 4:17-18,

Bold in Life and Death: Philippians 1:20, Joshua 1:7

BOLDNESS vs. ARROGANCE: BOLDNESS is trust in God... ARROGANCE is the trust in yourself...

2. There is a picture of a cat looking into the mirror; the cat's reflection is a lion. Sometimes it takes the nerve of a lion to do God's work. Read Esther 4:10-15 and discuss why Esther's task will take nerve.

3. Read Daniel 3:16-18, Daniel 6:7-16 and discuss why it took nerve for these men to make the decisions they made and what was the the outcome of those decisions.

**Application:**

\* Praying out loud is often not a prayer problem, it's a people problem (identify your fear).

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**Prayer:**

Father, give me the courage and the boldness to speak to You not with just my mind, but with the voice that You have blessed me with. I ask that You strengthen me so the meditations of my heart become the words of mouth. I love You and trust You. Amen



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