

Boldness Through the Holy Spirit: From Salvation to Action

5-Day Sermon-Based Study Guide

Sermon Title: Boldness Through the Holy Spirit: From Salvation to Action

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Main Passage: Acts 1:8

Sermon Overview:

In this passionate and power-filled message, evangelist Richie Seltzer invites us into a life of boldness fueled by the Holy Spirit. Through Scripture, stories, and firsthand testimony, he reminds us that the Christian life is not meant to be passive—it's meant to be powerful. From healing miracles to Spirit-led evangelism, Richie illustrates how the baptism of the Holy Spirit enables everyday believers to walk in faith, freedom, and courage.

The sermon highlights the vital difference between the Holy Spirit living *in* us for our sake and coming *upon* us for the sake of others. With urgency and love, Richie challenges the Church to step out of fear and apathy and into daily gospel-sharing, emphasizing that revival doesn't start in church buildings—it starts in hearts set on fire. Whether you're new to the faith or have walked with Jesus for decades, this message will stir a fresh hunger in you for deeper surrender, greater faith, and action that brings Heaven to Earth.

(For Individuals, Groups, New Christians, Mature Believers, Families with Children, and Families with Teenagers)

[Sermon Video Link](#)

Day 1: The Power of the Holy Spirit in You and On You

Summary: God didn't just send the Holy Spirit to comfort us—He sent Him to empower us. This day explores the biblical difference between the Spirit living *in* us for personal transformation and coming *upon* us to boldly impact others. We are not called to live timid Christian lives, but Spirit-filled ones that demonstrate God's love and power.

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit lives in you for your sake and comes upon you for others.

Scripture Focus: Acts 1:8

Sermon Quote: "There's a difference between the Holy Spirit coming in you—He's in you for your sake—but He comes upon you for their sake."

Discussion Questions

- **New Christians:**

1. What's something you've experienced since asking Jesus into your life?
2. Why do you think we need power to be witnesses?

- **Mature Christians:**

1. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit *in* you and *upon* you differently?
2. What does it practically mean to walk in Holy Spirit power for the sake of others?

- **Families with Young Children:**

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit does in our hearts?
2. Who can we pray for as a family this week?

- **Families with Teenagers:**

1. Have you ever felt the Holy Spirit help you in a hard moment?
2. What's one way God might want to work *through* you this week?

Personal Application:

- **New Christians:** Ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit.

- **Mature Christians:** Invite the Holy Spirit to come upon you for the sake of others today.
 - **Families with Young Children:** Do one bold thing for someone else and pray as a family.
 - **Families with Teenagers:** Journal a prayer asking the Holy Spirit for boldness in a specific area of your life.
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Day 2: Faith Is an Action

Summary: Faith isn't just something we feel—it's something we live. Today's study focuses on the truth that real faith requires movement. We're not called to be spectators in the Kingdom, but participants. Whether it's praying for healing, forgiving someone, or sharing our story, faith becomes real when we take action.

Big Idea: Faith is not passive—it requires movement.

Scripture Focus: Hebrews 11:1, James 2:17

Sermon Quote: "Faith is an action. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. It has evidence."

Discussion Questions

- **New Christians:**
 1. What's one step of faith you feel God asking you to take?
 2. Why do you think faith needs action?
- **Mature Christians:**
 1. Where in your life is God calling you to put faith into action?
 2. How can action increase faith in others around you?
- **Families with Young Children:**
 1. What does it look like to trust God and do something brave?
 2. Can you think of a Bible story where someone showed big faith?
- **Families with Teenagers:**
 1. Where is God asking you to move beyond just believing to doing?

2. What's one way faith at home looks different from faith at church?

Personal Application:

- **New Christians:** Take one step of faith today—share, pray, or serve.
 - **Mature Christians:** Reflect on a passive area of life and take active, Spirit-led steps.
 - **Families with Young Children:** Draw a picture of what faith looks like in action.
 - **Families with Teenagers:** Do something uncomfortable today that shows your faith is real.
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Day 3: Forgiveness Breaks Chains

Summary: Forgiveness is not optional in the Kingdom—it's essential. Holding onto offense and pain keeps us bound, but releasing others frees us and creates space for healing. This day challenges us to identify where we've held back forgiveness and invites us to experience the power of grace that restores us to wholeness.

Big Idea: Forgiveness releases power and healing.

Scripture Focus: Matthew 6:14–15

Sermon Quote: “As long as you withhold forgiveness... you remain a victim. The moment you choose to forgive—you take the power back.”

Discussion Questions

- **New Christians:**
 1. Is there someone you need to forgive today?
 2. What's hard about forgiving someone who hurt you?
- **Mature Christians:**
 1. Is there anyone in your past you're still holding in offense?
 2. How has forgiveness (or lack of it) affected your relationship with God?
- **Families with Young Children:**
 1. How do we show others we forgive them?
 2. Why is it important to say “I'm sorry” and “I forgive you”?

- **Families with Teenagers:**

1. What's the difference between forgiving someone and trusting them again?
2. How can forgiveness set you free emotionally or spiritually?

Personal Application:

- **New Christians:** Write a letter of forgiveness and give it to God.
- **Mature Christians:** Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any hidden bitterness. Let it go.
- **Families with Young Children:** Practice saying “I forgive you” with one another.
- **Families with Teenagers:** Release someone today—even silently—and choose freedom.

Day 4: Boldness to Share the Gospel

Summary: When the Holy Spirit fills us, we become bold—not in our own strength, but with Heaven’s authority. Today is all about becoming courageous witnesses for Jesus. We explore how to overcome fear, share the gospel with confidence, and trust that God works through even our smallest steps of obedience.

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit makes us bold to share the message of Jesus.

Scripture Focus: Proverbs 28:1, Mark 16:15–18

Sermon Quote: “When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, it will make you bold as a lion.”

Discussion Questions

- **New Christians:**
 1. Who is one person you could tell about Jesus this week?
 2. What fears come up when you think about sharing your story?
- **Mature Christians:**
 1. What's stopping you from sharing your faith daily?
 2. How can you invite the Holy Spirit to increase your boldness?
- **Families with Young Children:**
 1. How can we tell someone Jesus loves them today?

2. What are some ways to be kind and show people God's love?
- **Families with Teenagers:**
 1. What helps you feel confident sharing your faith?
 2. How can boldness in the Spirit be different than just being outgoing?

Personal Application:

- **New Christians:** Share your story with one person this week.
 - **Mature Christians:** Set a daily goal to share or pray for someone for 7 days.
 - **Families with Young Children:** Color or create cards that say "Jesus loves you" and give them away.
 - **Families with Teenagers:** Pair up with someone and challenge each other to talk about Jesus once a day.
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Day 5: Revival Starts With You

Summary: Revival isn't just something we pray for—it's something we participate in.

This final day drives home the call to personal responsibility in the Great Commission.

Through small acts of daily obedience, God can use us to bring salvation, healing, and transformation to our families, schools, workplaces, and communities.

Big Idea: You don't have to wait for a move of God—you *are* one.

Scripture Focus: Romans 10:14

Sermon Quote: "If 10 people share the gospel with 1 person a day, 300 will hear it in a month. Revival begins with boldness."

Discussion Questions

- **New Christians:**
 1. How do you feel knowing God can use you to help others know Him?
 2. What's one way you can start revival in your own life?
- **Mature Christians:**
 1. Where are you praying for revival—and how can you help ignite it?
 2. What does personal revival look like in your walk with Jesus?

- **Families with Young Children:**

1. What does it mean to start something good for God?
2. Can God use kids to help others find Jesus?

- **Families with Teenagers:**

1. What would revival look like in your school or friendships?
2. How can you be more intentional about sharing Jesus this month?

Personal Application:

- **New Christians:** Ask the Holy Spirit to use you today—no matter how small it seems.
- **Mature Christians:** Launch your own 30-Day Gospel Challenge. Start today.
- **Families with Young Children:** Celebrate each time someone in the family shares about Jesus.
- **Families with Teenagers:** Track every time you share, pray, or step out—and review what God does.