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week 2: Gospel **COURAGE**

2 Corinthians 3:12 (ESV)

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold ...

Questions:

What sort of **hope** did Paul have?

Do I have that sort of hope?

Premise: The right hope is the fuel of **boldness!**

Hope as the source of **boldness:**

Paul had the hope of God's ability to _____.

Paul's life and the lives of those he wrote to had been _____.

This change was not _____, but went all the way to the _____.

His certain hope was that God could do that for _____.

2 Corinthians 3:1-3 (ESV)

¹ Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you? ² You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all.

³ And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Nothing will make me more tentative in my witness than ...

Paul had the hope of the _____ of the _____.

He was no longer a merchant of _____, but a messenger of _____!

2 Corinthians 3:4-6 (ESV)

⁴ Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵ Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶ who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

A common cause of fearfulness in Gospel sharing is ...

But know this: The only witness God can't use is ...

Paul had the hope of the _____ of the Gospel!

He knew that through the heralding of the Gospel that God would not only change hearts, but that he would _____ now and _____ forever those who are His!

2 Corinthians 3:7-11 (ESV)

⁷ Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹ For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰ Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹ For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

We are sometimes hesitant or timid in speaking the Good News because ...

But when we consider ...

My **response**: Check my _____!

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