

**May 5, 2024 – Pastor Kylee Coon**

**DISCUSSION GUIDE:**

1. What was your biggest take away from today's sermon?
2. What gifts or talents have you been developing and growing but have not yet deployed?
3. One is one BOLD Step you could take this week to deploy that gift?
4. Pray for each other, over gifts and the boldness to deploy your gifts.

**SERMON NOTES:**

**The Heart of Fine Arts and why that Heart matters**

Fine Arts Festival is a discipleship tool of the AG Youth Ministries designed to help students discover, develop, and deploy their ministry gifts and to learn about their God-given abilities and talents.

A few of the avenues in which students discover and develop their God given gifts is through preparation at church and home, service in our church, a regional conference and national conference

These conferences allow students to showcase their giftings to then receive feedback that aids them in developing and deploying their God given call.

Parkway has been a participant of fine arts for many years now and it's been a great tool in developing our wonderful students into ministers of the Gospel today. Fine arts is the tool and the heart is to see young people equipped with tools to reach the world for Jesus.

Our young people have a great call and opportunity to reach the world with the Gospel, but they are not the only ones. Church, as believers you have been tasked with spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to the world around you. Whether you are 5 of 95, the call is relevant and only possible through the help of the Holy Spirit.

As our Pastor shared at the beginning of his message last week, the words of Pastor Boyd Powers, the good news is only good to those who hear it in time.

**Fine Arts Presentation by Aylah Graves "It's not about you" - Short sermon**

Aren't you thankful that your calling isn't dependent on your qualifications, skill sets, confidence, or anything else but that it's truly only dependent on God, the one Who gave human beings their mouths, Who makes them deaf or mute, Who gives them sight or makes them blind. The Creator, and our savior.

Each one of you the pews today have been given a gift set and many of you have had years, decades to grow and develop that gift set, but have yet to boldly deploy your gift to be used to reach the world around you with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

If we want to reach our world we will have to depend on the Boldness that only the Holy spirit can give.



It's the boldness that was all over Peter and John in Acts 4:13, when what should have been ordinary men were recognized for their boldness that came from their time with Jesus.

It's the Boldness that the believers prayed for in **Acts 4:30**

"Lord Grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

It's the kind of Boldness Paul asks to be prayed over him in **Ephesians 6** and **Colossians 4**.

That while he is facing persecution as an ambassador of the Gospel in Chains, that God would give him the boldness to declare the word boldly as he had been called to do.

The boldness we need, the boldness to use the gifts, skills and talents God has given us to answer our call, will only come through prayer.

- Boldness is a mark of spiritual empowerment for the purpose of reaching a lost world.
- Please don't hear what I'm not saying, This Boldness is not a personality trait but a grace that comes through Holy Spirit empowerment. .
- Your personality is not a deterrent nor an excuse to not walk into your calling with boldness.

### **Luke 22:54-62**

54 Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. 55 And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. 56 Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." 57 But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." 58 And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." 59 And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." 60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. 61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." 62 And he went out and wept bitterly.

When the circumstances of life were overwhelming, Peter was anything but Bold but if you follow his story just a short time later, through reconciliation with Jesus and the empowerment and infilling of the Holy Spirit, had boldness. Boldness to preach a word that leads to the salvation of 3000. Boldness to lead many to more to revival regardless of the repercussions, Boldness even unto death.



It can be a bit of a gut punch to the American church when we compare our lives to the lives of men like Peter.

But the truth is that Boldness can only come through prayer and an empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Peter was infilled with the Holy Spirit when he began his ministry and call to reach a lost world.

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**Todd White**, an American evangelist. He's widely known for his testimony of turning from drug addiction and suicide to Jesus. He is also known for his courageous street evangelism.

He told a story of when he had been at a hotel and a young man in an elevator came up to him and was excited. He shared the Gospel, and all that Jesus had done for him. "I just got saved and I couldn't help but share with you" the young man said. In tears Todd White, said yes I know Jesus, thank you so much for sharing with me. In his many years as a Christian and evangelist, Todd White had never been outside of the church, and had the gospel shared with him.

This interaction changed him and put a fire in him to share and use his gift sets to reach his world with the good news.

God has designed each one of us with skill sets, and put people in front of us to share with but will we lean into the boldness He has given us to use those things for his glory.

### **Holes Poem by Scott Lewis**

- You have been given the rope, will you begin to throw it to those in need. Will you begin to use your voice to call out that there is a way out.
- Just imagine the heart of the father when He hears one of his children ask for the boldness and use their gifts for his divine purpose.

### **Boldness is contagious**

- <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/lord-make-me-more-bold>
  - And a wonderful thing happens when we act the miracle: others begin to act it, too. Paul described this phenomenon:
  - And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. (Philippians 1:14)
  - Paul's imprisonment for being bold for Christ emboldened other Christians. And we've all experienced this in some way. The best way to start a movement of bold witness is to step out in boldness ourselves

### **Fine Arts Presentation by Ben Waggoner, "Follow God" – Short Sermon**