

Faith is confident obedience to the Word of God regardless of circumstance or consequence.

(Romans 4:18-23) Bold faith is confident obedience that is BIRTHED from the Word of God, BASED on the unchanging Character of God, unwavering and strengthen when faced with adverse circumstances.

## II. HOW TO DEVELOP BOLD FAITH?

### A. Day 1: Boldly draw close to God.

*“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”* Hebrews 4:16

### B. Day 8: Boldly commit.

*“And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.”* Luke 14:27

### C. Day 31: Leap toward the unfamiliar.

*“God will hear, and afflict them, Even He who abides from of old. Selah Because they do not change, Therefore they do not fear God.”* Psalms 55:19

## DO YOU HAVE A FAITH THAT EMBOLDENS?

*“He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,”* Romans 4:20

## FORWARD BY FAITH Faith That Emboldens Pastor Ryan A. Sturgis

### INTRODUCTION

- A. Welcome to a new year! A new year represents progress. However, God has not called us to just move forward. He commands us to move forward by faith! The Bible says,

*“For we walk by faith, not by sight”* II Corinthians 5:7

What is faith? Faith is confident obedience to the Word of God regardless of circumstances or consequences.

Faith in God fuels spiritual growth. You are either moving forward by faith or backward by fear.

- B. Our Forward By Faith teaching series will show you how to trust God more and achieve your goals. The messages include:

Jan 10	Faith That Saves
TODAY	Faith That Emboldens
Jan 24	Faith That Goes
Jan 31	Faith That Unites
Feb 7	Faith That Grows

- C. **TEXT:** Romans 4:18-21

## FAITH THAT EMBOLDENS

God expects for us have a bold faith. *"Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."* - Hebrews 10:38. Would you consider your faith to be BOLD? Bold faith does not shrink back. Bold Faith is the sort of faith that shakes the world. It's the kind of faith that trusts God to move mountains. And it's the type of faith that God wants you and I to have.

### I. WHAT IS BOLD FAITH?

#### A. Bold faith is birthed from the Word Of God.

1. We know what to believe because we know what he has said. (v 4:18, *according to what was spoken*)

*"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."*  
Romans 10:17

- 1 *Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;*
- 2 *But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.*
- 3 *He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper."* Psalm 1:1-3

#### B. Bold faith is based on the Character Of God.

1. Properly Placed Faith is trust in the *unchanging* nature of God.

*"5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."*

I Corinthians 2:5

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."*

Hebrews 13:8

*"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."* James 1:17

2. Misplaced Faith is believing things will turn out one particular way simply because you want them to.

*"8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.*  
9 *"For as heaven is higher than earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."*

Isaiah 55:8-9

*"There is a way that seems right to man, but its end is the way of death."* Proverbs 14:12

#### C. Bold faith is built for times of adversity.

*"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* Hebrews 11:1

*"If you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength is small."*

Proverbs 24:10