

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”  
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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## MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK



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1. PRAISE - A new management company took over the apartment complex where our church meets. We were very concerned that they would not allow us to continue to worship, but so far they have been great!
2. PRAISE - A couple who desired to be married came to us for counsel last month. In our counseling, we learned that the husband was muslim. He has since come to know Jesus as his savior!



# FORWARD BY FAITH

growth guide

Handout: 01/10/21

Study: 01/17/21

## Bold Faith

GOD CAME TO YOU. YOU CAN BOLDLY DRAW NEAR TO GOD with confidence. After all, he was willing to take the first step. He wants you near, to have a relationship with you. In Jesus Christ, God came to earth for the sole purpose of drawing near to you. Imagine that! He put the fullness of his grace and love on display (John 1: 14). The Bible says, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8)." God has drawn near to you, so why be afraid of drawing near to him?

Come to God. God invites you to participate in his gift of salvation. Ephesians 2:8 declares, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." Faith in Jesus Christ is how you begin to draw near to God. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Come near to God.

Find your purpose with God. Everyone wants to know that they have a purpose. There is no issue more central to the human experience than that of purpose and meaning in life. As you boldly draw near to God, in faith, you will find your purpose.

"God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6). There is no need to be reserved in your drawing near to God. He wants you to "diligently" seek him. When you draw close to God through faith in Jesus Christ, you will not only find forgiveness, but you will find purpose and meaning. Do not be hesitant in drawing near to God. He is welcoming you. Be bold.

### BOLD FAITH CHALLENGE

1. Have you decided to come to God through faith in Jesus Christ? If not, what reservations do you have?
2. In what way have you discovered your purpose through a relationship with God?
3. How does the fact that Christ first loved you encourage you to draw close to him?

### DAILY CHALLENGE

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls” (Matthew 11:28-29). How can you intentionally draw closer to God today? What steps can you take to find rest in Jesus and learn from him as you walk by faith?

Source: *Bold Faith* by Ruth Miller and Pastor Ryan A. Sturgis

## KEY VERSE

Romans 4:20 (NKJV)

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

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: Hebrews 4:16, 11:6; John 1:14; Romans 5:8**

### **Boldly Draw Close To God**

1. In what way have you discovered your purpose through a relationship with God?
2. How does the fact that Christ first loved you encourage you to draw close to him?

**Tuesday: Romans 10:17; Psalm 1:1-3; I Samuel 15:22-23**

### **Bold Faith Is Birthed From The Word Of God**

3. How have you traditionally defined success?
4. How can you become more willing to obey God even if you do not see the results of that obedience? What motivates you more: the desire to obey God or the need to see the results of obeying God?

**Wednesday: I Corinthians 2:5; Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17**

### **Bold Faith Is Based On The Character Of God**

5. Do you consider yourself a worrier or a worshipper? How can you tell?
6. We are “to guard ourselves from idols” (1 John 5:21). How can you guard yourself from allowing worry to become an idol?

**Thursday: Luke 9:23, 14:27; Zechariah 13:9**

### **Boldly Commit**

7. What trials are you facing? Are they trials you caused or ones God designed to make you more like Him?
8. What does it mean to take up your cross and follow Jesus?
9. What practical steps can you take to allow God to use your trials for his glory?

**Friday: Psalm 55:19; Hebrews 11:1; Genesis 12:1**

### **Leap Toward The Unfamiliar**

10. “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1) Do you have that kind of faith? How can you strengthen your faith?
11. What is the greatest example of someone taking a “leap of faith” in the Bible? How can you apply what you learn from that person’s life to your own?
12. What leap of faith is God asking you to take?