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bold'-nes (parresia, “confidence” “fearlessness” “freedom of speech”):
This was one of the results of discipleship (**Acts 4:13, 29, 31: Ephesians 3:12:**

Philippians 1:20: 1 Timothy 3:13: 1 John 4:17). It was a necessary qualification for the work assigned them.

They were not only subject to violent persecutions, but also were the constant subject of ridicule and contempt.

Paul uses the word in the sense of plainness in **2 Corinthians 3:12.**

In **Hebrews 10:19: 1 John 2:28: 4:17**, it has the sense of freeness resulting from confidence.

In **Philemon 1:8**, the reference is to the authority which Paul claims in this case.



HOPE, CONFIDENCE, EXPECTATION= GREAT COURAGE

2 Corinthians 3 AMP

12 Since we have such a [glorious] hope and confident expectation, we speak with great courage,

Hebrews 4 v16 Therefore let us [with privilege] approach the throne of grace [that is, the throne of God's gracious favour] with confidence and without fear, so that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find [His amazing] grace to help in time of need [an appropriate blessing, coming just at the right moment].

Ephesians 3 v12 in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him [that is, our faith gives us sufficient courage to freely and openly approach God through Christ].

13 So I ask you not to lose heart at my sufferings on your behalf, for they are your glory and honor.



SPEAK THE WORD OF GOD WITH BOLDNESS AND COURAGE.

Ephesians 6 v19 **And pray for me, that words may be given to me when I open my mouth, to proclaim boldly the mystery of the good news [of salvation], 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. And pray that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly and courageously, as I should.**

Acts 4 v29 **And now, Lord, observe their threats [take them into account] and grant that Your bond-servants may declare Your message [of salvation] with great confidence, 30 while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders (attesting miracles) take place through the name [and the authority and power] of Your holy Servant and Son Jesus.”**
31 **And when they had prayed, the place where they were meeting together was shaken [a sign of God’s presence]; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness and courage.**



SINCE WE HAVE CONFIDENCE & FULL FREEDOM

HEBREWS 10 v19 Therefore, believers, since we have confidence and full freedom to enter the Holy Place [the place where God dwells] by [means of] the blood of Jesus,

ACTS 4 v13 Now when the men of the Sanhedrin (Jewish High Court) saw the confidence and boldness of Peter and John, and grasped the fact that they were uneducated and untrained [ordinary] men, they were astounded, and began to recognize that they had been with Jesus.

HEBREWS 10 v35 Do not, therefore, fling away your [fearless] confidence, for it has a glorious and great reward.

36 For you have need of patient endurance [to bear up under difficult circumstances without compromising], so that when you have carried out the will of God, you may receive and enjoy to the full what is promised.



NOT a SPIRIT of TIMIDITY or COWARDICE

2 CORINTHIANS 7 v4 Great is my confidence in you; great is my pride and boasting on your behalf. I am filled [to the brim] with comfort; I am overflowing with joy in spite of all our trouble.

1 JOHN 3 v21 Beloved, if our heart does not convict us [of guilt], we have confidence [complete assurance and boldness] before God;

I John 4 v17 In this [union and fellowship with Him], love is completed and perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment [with assurance and boldness to face Him]; because as He is, so are we in this world.

2 TIMOTHY 1 v7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity or cowardice or fear, but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of sound judgment and personal discipline [abilities that result in a calm, well-balanced mind and self-control].



COURAGE AND THE UTMOST FREEDOM OF SPEECH

PHILLIPIANS 1 v20 It is my own eager expectation and hope, that [looking toward the future] I will not disgrace myself nor be ashamed in anything, but that with courage and the utmost freedom of speech, even now as always, Christ will be magnified and exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

ACTS 14 v3 So Paul and Barnabas stayed for a long time, speaking boldly and confidently for the Lord, who continued to testify to the word of His grace, granting that signs and wonders (attesting miracles) be done by them.

4 But the people of the city were divided; some were siding with the Jews, and some with the apostles.

5 When there was an attempt by both the Gentiles and the Jews, together with their rulers, to shamefully mistreat and to stone them,

6 they, aware of the situation, escaped to Lystra and Derbe, [taking refuge in the] cities of Lycaonia, and the neighbouring region;

7 and there they continued to preach the good news.



PROCLAIM THE WORD BOLDLY

1 JOHN 5 v14 This is the [remarkable degree of] confidence which we [as believers are entitled to] have before Him: that if we ask anything according to His will, [that is, consistent with His plan and purpose] He hears us.

15 And if we know [for a fact, as indeed we do] that He hears and listens to us in whatever we ask, we [also] know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted to us] the requests which we have asked from Him.

ACTS 13 v46 And [at the same time] Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and confidently, saying, “It was necessary that God’s message [of salvation through faith in Christ] be spoken to you [Jews] first. Since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, now we turn to the Gentiles.



THE FATHER SPEAKING THROUGH YOU!

MATTHEW 10 v19 But when they hand you over, **do not worry** about how or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given you within that [very] hour;
20 **for it is not you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.**

ACT 28 v30 And Paul lived there for two full years **[at his own expense]** in his own rented lodging and welcomed all who came to him,
31 **preaching and proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness and boldness, unhindered and unrestrained.**