

Faith Christian Fellowship
Sunday, April 10, 2016
Desire Fresh Fire
5 Holy Boldness

TEXT: 2 Timothy 1:6-7 / Leviticus 9:23-10:2

We began the year with this word: "Desire Fresh Fire, not strange fire". We looked at God's Word's to our church family. We then got a fresh revelation of what it means to be a member of a church. Pressing on to desiring fresh fire, we talked about getting hungry, the incense of prayer, the sacrifice or praise, last week, the Holy Spirit and Fire. Today, we look at the results of that Pentecost experience.

- 1) A new boldness came at Pentecost:
 - a) Acts 2:1-4, Probably in an upper room (1:14), concerned about what was going to happen to them now.
 - b) This event shook things up:
 - i) Noise, Fire, Tongues, Supernatural hearing
 - ii) Act 2:6 When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, **Question:** What do you think they heard? How has the Holy Spirit shaken your life?
 - c) There was a transition from hiding and waiting and wondering to Acts 2:14-15 This is that!!!!
 - d) Paul asked prayer for boldness (and he seems to have been kind of brash already) Ephesians 6:18-20. **Question::** What are we to pray for? Pray these things for you and your Pastor now!
 - i) God answered him mightily
 - (1) Acts 13:9-10 Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, said, "... you son of the devil..."
 - (2) Acts 13:45-46 ...Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "...since you judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.
 - (3) Acts 14:1-3 they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord,...
 - (4) Acts 19:6-8 ... spoke boldly for three months,
 - (5) 1 Thess 2:2 NLT our God gave us the courage to declare His Good News to you boldly,
- 2) Holy boldness transforms us

- a) Peter was a braggart and a coward. Matt 26:33-35 / 26:69-75. **Question:** What character or personality traits hold you back from being the witness you would like to be?
 - b) After Pentecost, things changed. Brought before the same group for preaching Jesus, there was a difference:
 - i) Peter before the Sanhedrin: Acts 4:5-14 **Question:** What kinds of people Intimidate you? Why are you intimidated?
 - ii) After being arrested and threatened Peter and John went back to the church and told them about it. They prayed, not for protection, but for boldness: Acts 4:29-31 **Question:** Do you have a place where you can turn for corporate prayer support? How do you access that support?
- 3) **What is this holy boldness, and do you want it?**
- a) **Bible boldness** is the opposite of shame: Phil 1:20
 - i) Shame = the desire to cover or hide something you believe will be judged unsightly. (a disfigurement)
 - ii) Jesus is not ashamed of us; we ought not be ashamed of Him. Hebrews 2:11 / Romans 1:16
 - b) **Bible boldness** is the opposite of being timid: 2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. **Question:** Why do we sometimes not want to identify ourselves as Christians? How do power, love and a sound mind help us be bold?
 - c) **Bible boldness** lives in a constant awareness that the Lord is with us and will not leave! Hebrews 13:5-6
 - d) **Bible boldness** has a hard head and a soft heart
 - i) Ezekiel 3:9-11 He gives me a hard head and a thick skin.
 - ii) Mark 1:40-42 Compassion moves me.
 - e) **Question:** Are you ready for a supernatural boldness that fears not man nor devil, is constantly conscious of the presence of God, is filled with power and love and a sound mind, is moved with compassion toward the weak, and is never ashamed of the Gospel? Then let's do this:
 - i) Get baptized with the Holy Spirit Acts 1:8 / Lk 11:9-13
 - ii) Stir up the gift in you 2 Tim 1:6 / Jude 20
 - iii) Pray for boldness as in Acts 4:29-31