

FEARLESS

How to live courageously for Christ in a chaotic world.



Pastor Hugh's new message series each Sunday, 10:00am

Get Your Power On Jn. 15:26-27; 16:7-15 Oct. 12, 2025

Jn. 15:26-27 (NKJV)

²⁶ "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Jn. 16:7-15

⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

- A. We're going through a message series about living fearlessly for Jesus, and God wants you to know the answer to this question:

How do you live courageously for Christ in a chaotic world?

How do you live for Jesus in a world that rejects the ministry of Jesus, the morals of Jesus, and the message of Jesus?

- B. Jesus wants you to live a fearless life.

Jesus doesn't make you a WIMP.

Jesus makes you a WARRIOR.

He doesn't make you a fearful follower of Jesus.

He makes you a fearless follower of Jesus.

- C. So, that breeds this question: How do you live fearlessly for Jesus in a world that wants you to be very afraid?

- (1) We've already learned that it starts with BELIEVING. You must believe Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and no one comes to the Father but by Him (Jn. 14:6)

(2) In the last message, you learned you gotta BUCKLE UP.

Because when you chose to believe and receive Jesus as your Savior and Lord, you got assigned to a HUNT CLUB.

D. You're not HUNTING. You're being HUNTED.

That is, the devil & the world hates you because you are no longer on Hell's Team. You're on Heaven's Team. You're no longer living the world's way. You're living the Jesus way.

And as Jesus said, expect the world to hate you and even to harm you.

In fact, if you are a follower of Jesus, do you know what you are to the devil? You're a threat.

- You are a threat to sin.
- You are a threat to Satan.
- You are a threat to Hell.

And the devil would want nothing more than to stop your walk and your talk about Jesus. He wants to stop you from being a threat to his kingdom.

E. And he certainly doesn't want you stealing people from his team.

And yet, that's your mission.

F. In fact, have ever wondered why doesn't God just take you on to Heaven when you get saved?
Why does God leave you here on this earth?

Answer: So, you can deliver people from death to life; so you can deliver people from the grip of Satan to the grace of Jesus.

SO YOU CAN MAKE HEAVEN CROWDED.

G. And if you are here today and you don't have a personal relationship with Jesus, you're missing out on the life God so wants you to have.

- A life that is full of His blessings; grace; forgiveness.
- A life that is full of His presence, power, peace, plans, and purpose.
- A life that is full of His hand and His plan for your life.

H. And you can start today your journey with Jesus.

And at the end of this message, I'm going to give you that opportunity.

So, get ready, because Jesus is ready to come into your life and change your life forever.

- I. And Church, knowing that God has left you here to take all you can with you to Heaven, I've got good news.

Do you know what the good news is?

God's given you the greatest POWER to lead people to Jesus.

God's given you the greatest POWER to stand up and speak out for Jesus.

God's given you the POWER to live a fearless life for Jesus.

- J. And that power is NOT something you work up. It's POWER that God works in.

It's the POWER of the Holy Spirit.

- K. In the last message, I told you, if you are going to live a fearless life for Jesus, you've got to BUCKLE UP.

Well, today, I'm here to tell you, if you are going to live a fearless life for Jesus, you've got to POWER UP.

You've got to GET YOUR POWER ON!

- L. Let me share with you 3 essential thoughts about the Holy Spirit:

1. You Have the PRESENCE of the Holy Spirit

⁵“But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’” ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

- A. Notice that the disciples are in such sorrow at the announcement that Jesus is departing, they aren't concerned one bit about where Jesus is going.

They aren't concerned about what is going to happen to Jesus. Guess who they are concerned about? They are concerned about what's going to happen to them!

- B. We are no different than the disciples.
Even though we are hanging around Jesus, even though we are hanging out with Jesus, we can easily become ME-focused rather than HE-focused.
- C. In fact, most of your troubles can be overcome when you get the focus off “ME,” and onto “HE.”
In other words, stop making your life about you.
Start making your life about JESUS!
- D. Well, the disciples are obviously not thinking about Jesus. And Jesus realizes that!

And so he tells them in verse 7:

⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

In other words, I know you are struggling with My departure, but you have to get something settled in your heart. And that is, **there's greater advantage for you in my leaving than in My staying!**

- E. And what's the advantage?
I'm sending you SOMEONE who will not just be BESIDE you, but SOMEONE who will live INSIDE you.

And He's going to be your INSIDE Helper!
Paraclete = lit. "the One called alongside you"
The One who comes to your aid!

- F. In other words, Jesus tells His disciples that they won't just have Him PRESENT in their life;
They will have HIS PRESENCE IN THEIR LIFE! Literally INSIDE their life!

Jn. 14:16-17

¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

So when you get saved; you get the Paraclete; you get the Helper; you get the Counselor; you get the Spirit of truth; you get the Presence of Jesus living inside you.

- G. Do you realize what that means?

It means:

- You have a 24/7 GUIDE in your life.
- You have a 24/7 GUARD in your life.
- You have 24/7 GOSPEL in your life
- You have 24/7 GOD in your life.

In other words, God has given you all that you need to succeed;

He's given you all the resources of Heaven to live victoriously here on this Earth!

He's given you all you need to live a faithful, fervent, and fearless Christian life.

He's given you all you need to make Heaven crowded for His glory.

- H. God has given you the Holy Spirit;
And the Holy Spirit is not an "It." Look how Jesus describes the HS:

⁷ for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send **Him** to you.

⁸ And when **He** has come, **He** will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

¹³ However, when **He**, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He** will guide you into all truth; for **He** will not speak on His own authority, but whatever **He** hears **He** will speak; and **He** will tell you things to come.

¹⁴ **He** will glorify Me, for **He** will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

- I. The Holy Spirit is not an It.
- He's not an impersonal force.
 - He's not some energy source.
 - He is not a power source (although He has power)
 - The Holy Spirit is a Person (with a capital P)

The Holy Spirit is the Person of Jesus living inside you!

- J. And with Jesus on your INSIDE (not your OUTSIDE), whatever hardball life throws at you, you can truly say, not "I can do this," but **"WE CAN DO THIS!"**

"Me (with HE) can do this."

"Me and the Holy Spirit can do this."

I can't, but with the Holy Spirit, WE CAN!

- K. So, we have the PRESENCE of the Holy Spirit.

2. You Have the PREACHING of the Holy Spirit

⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

- A. So, what is the ministry of the Holy Spirit?
Remember, the Holy Spirit is operating through believers! He's not like Oxygen – in all places, spaces, and people. He's operating in the lives of the saved.

Well, what is He doing?

- B. Let me share with you His ministry: He has a PREACHING MINISTRY through you to the lost & unsaved.

And it's actually a "convicting" ministry; or more accurately, a CONVINCING ministry.

Through you the Holy Spirit is **Convincing the World about**

(1) **Sin** – "because they do not believe in Me;"

- (a) The world doesn't believe it has sin problem.
They say we have a skin problem (racism), but it's really a sin problem.
They say we have a trans-phobia problem, but it's really a truth problem.

- (b) You don't have to give preferences to the left's pronouns
(Ex. If he wants to be a she, this is America, he's free to do so; but I don't have to buy into their delusion and call someone "they" "them" because they prefer a different pronoun.)

I don't push anyone to call me by my preferred adjectives: Handsome. Intelligent.

- (c) The Point is, the world is looking for any means to justify their sin!

Sin is not just an act - something you only do on the OUTSIDE.

Sin is a nature – it's what's CONTROLLING YOU on the INSIDE.

- (d) You are born with this sin nature.
You got it from your parents.
Who got it from their parents...all the way back to our first parents, Adam & Eve.

And just like you can't change the color of your skin on your outside. You can't change the fact you have SIN on your inside.

It's a CANCER that is eating away your life!

- (e) And if you want proof that you are SINNERS, then here's the greatest proof according to Jesus.

People will not believe and receive JESUS AS THEIR SAVIOR AND LORD.

- (f) The greatest sin – the unpardonable sin – is not murder, immorality, or idolatry.
The greatest sin is Rejection of Jesus!!

And it is living proof that man has a sin problem.

- (g) In other words, the only reason people won't accept the perfect, sinless, Son of God, who is willing to forgive you of all you have done and will do, is because of SIN.

- Because of sin, you don't want Jesus' forgiveness.
- Because of sin, you don't want Jesus' way.
- Because of sin, you don't want Jesus' will.
- Because of sin, you don't want Jesus' Word.

Through you the Holy Spirit convicts & convinces the world about sin.

(2) **Righteousness** - because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;

(a) When Jesus was preaching and ministering on this Earth what was His #1 concern? (almost day in and day out).

I'll give you a hint:

WHO was His #1 concern?

WHO wanted to kill Jesus?

Answer: Pharisees; the religious folk

Why? Because Jesus was a threat to their power and control.

(b) What was Jesus' issue with the Pharisees?

- Weighing people down with RULES.
- They turned Judaism into a religion of rules; a religion of works.
- You work your way to God.
- God accepts you by your works.
- Follow all the rules, and God will accept you.
(613 rules you must follow)

(c) And here's the problem: the Pharisees were saying one thing and doing another.

They had "Rules for thee, but not for me."

So, Jesus was calling their teaching on the carpet (which was baloney)

And He was calling THEM on the carpet (because they were baloney) – self-righteous, hypocrites – who were making the people twice the sons and daughters of hell.

(d) And so, Jesus taught that righteousness is not a rule issue. **RIGHTEOUSNESS IS A HEART ISSUE.**

That's why Jesus would say, "You have heard that it was said...But I say unto you."

Mt. 5:27-28

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Until God gives you a new heart, you will only be religious. You will NOT be righteous.

(e) So, guess what the religious people do to Jesus? They kill Him.

But Jesus resurrects, and He ascends to Heaven.

And that puts the nail in the coffin to all religion!

- Because it proves you can't get to God through your religion.
- You get to God through a relationship with Jesus and that's when God declares you righteous. NO LONGER A SINNER, BUT A SAINT!

2 Cor. 5:21

²¹ He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

And then, through you the Holy Spirit convicts & convinces the world of...

(3) Judgment - because the ruler of this world is judged.

(a) Who is the ruler of this world? Satan

1 John 5:19

We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

2 Cor. 4:3-4

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

(b) To what are unbelievers blinded?

They are blinded to God's truths.

Why? Because they have bought Satan's lies!

Bought the lie that says:

- You're born that way.
- We are all God's children
- There is no God.
- There is no Hell.
- There is no coming judgment of God or coming of Jesus.
- We're all going to Heaven.

(c) And they reject God's truths:

- Choose to sin. Choose to suffer.
- There's payday someday.
- There's only one way to God.
- No one is good; no one is good enough to get into Heaven.
- Jesus is 100% God, 100% man, and 100% Deliverer of our sins.

(d) And tragically, Satan has done a good job turning people from Jesus (and turning people to himself).

And when Jesus was crucified on the cross, Satan believed it was his greatest victory.
But it was actually Satan's greatest defeat.

Why? Because, 3 days later, Jesus defeated death, hell, the grave, and Satan forever.

(e) And here's the conclusion:

All that awaits us is THE FINAL JUDGMENT -
when Jesus will throw Satan and all who have bought his lies into the Lake of Fire where they will burn forever and ever and ever.

(e) And the job of the HS through you is to convince this world, not just there is God's judgment to come, but in context today, you're either living by the WAYS OF GOD or you are living according to the WAYS OF THE DEVIL.

And the Holy Spirit's job through you is to convince the world they are living according to the ways of the devil.

- C. The big deal today is being WOKE.
But WOKE has been around since Adam & Eve.
There's nothing new under the sun.

Satan woke Adam & Eve to unrighteousness & rebellion against God.

That's all WOKE is –rebellious against God's will, God's way, and God's Word.

- It's the lie that you can defy God and He won't have a problem with that.
And if Christians would just get WOKE, too, they wouldn't have a problem.

- D. It's not ME the WOKE folk have to be concerned about.
They don't answer to me.
They answer to God. Just like I will answer to God.

I'm just, through the Holy Spirit, delivering the mail to get people, NOT WOKE, but AWAKE!

- Wake up to the reality of God.
- Wake up to the truths of God.
- Wake up and fear God.
- Wake up to the judgment of God.
- Wake up!

- E. That's what the Holy Spirit wants to do through you.
He wants to use you to wake people up to God and His will and His way and His Word.

3. You Must Live in the POWER of the Holy Spirit.

¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you.

A. The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Truth.

Why? Because everything He does is of truth.

- The Holy Spirit will GUIDE you into all truth.
- The Holy Spirit will GIVE you truth.
- The Holy Spirit will DISCLOSE to you God's truth.

In other words, the Holy Spirit wants you to walk and talk God's truth all the time, every time – 24/7.

B. And that means **you have to be FILLED UP with the Holy Spirit.**

Illustration:

Empty Container – representing your life

What's your life filled with?

- Balls = represents the ways and wants of this world; represents self, sin, and the work of Satan in your life.
- Water = represents the Holy Spirit

We are not 24/7 filled with the Spirit.

Why? Because we leak.

And when you are not filled with the Spirit, you are NO THREAT to the Enemy.

The only way you will be a threat to the enemy is to be FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Conclusion:

God wants to use you to make Heaven crowded.

God wants to use you to be the hands & feet (and lips) of Jesus.

God wants to use you to bring people out of death and to life!

But you can't do it when your life is filled with hell & death.
You must be filled with the Spirit!

You must get your power on!