

April 6th & 7th

Boldness In Conflict

Daniel 3 and Isaiah 43:2

Our faith in God places us in conflict.

❖ With Satan, the world, our own flesh, friends, and even family

○ Drug/Alcohol Addiction

Ephesians 5:18 “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,”
1 Corinthians 6:19-20 “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body”

○ Dress/Attire

1 Timothy 2:9 “likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire,”

📖 Matthew 6:25-30

○ Music/Media/Movies/Social Media

Matthew 6:22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,”

Philippians 4:8 “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

📖 Matthew 18:7-9

○ Language/Gossip

📖 Ephesians 4:29-32

📖 James 3:8-11

James 4:11-12 “Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. ¹² There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?”

Matthew 7:5 “You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.”

📖 Matthew 18:15-17

○ Politics

📖 Romans 13:1-7

📖 Matthew 22:17-22

📖 1 Timothy 2:1-4

- Finances

Romans 13:8 “Owe no one anything, except to love each other; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.”

Matthew 6:19-21 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

- Physical Attraction

📖 Matthew 5:27-30

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 “Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

- Family

Colossians 3:20-21 “Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.”

📖 Ephesians 6:1-4

📖 Ephesians 5:22-32

2 Corinthians 6:14 “Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?”

What does a society in conflict look like?

- ❖ Babylon

Isaiah 13:19 “And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the splendor and pomp of the Chaldeans, will be like Sodom and Gomorrah when God overthrew them.”

- ❖ Is America in danger of becoming a Babylon?

Our faith is tested through conflict.

↳ Is it real faith or not?

- ❖ Early Church examples

- Ephesus (abandoned first love): Revelation 2:2-5
- Pergamum (compromised): Revelation 2:13-16
- Thyatira (false prophets): Revelation 2:19-28
- Sardis (spiritually dead): Revelation 3:2-5
- Laodicea (lukewarm): Revelation 3:15-21

- ❖ Modern Canada

- ❖ Current American Society

Our faith, challenged by the conflict, glorifies God.

- ❖ Philadelphia (patiently endured): Revelation 3:8-11

- ❖ Smyrna (faithful through persecution): Revelation 2:9-10

📖 Romans 12:1-2, 9-21

Promise of eternal joy for following Christ through conflict

1 Corinthians 2:9 "But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him'"

Matthew 10:32-33 "So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

Our faith, challenged by the conflict, testifies to others!

 Daniel 3:26-30

↪ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego testified to King Nebuchadnezzar through their faith.

Are you ready to stand in BOLDNESS for your faith and convictions?

Endnotes:

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