



At the beginning of the year, I had given us all a challenge - **BE BOLD**. Well, its check-up time.

Have you had a chance to be **BOLD** in your first four months? No? That's ok.

I would, however, ask you to consider being **BOLD** in a slightly different way now that we're headed into May. I would like you to be **BOLD** for yourself - not for the church, not for me, not for District, nor Conference, but for you, to use and embrace the **BOLDness** that is Christ in your daily life.

Do you have any ideas on how to do that? Some people have prayer closets where they set aside a certain part of the day devoted to God in prayer, devotion, in adoration - simply in His Word. Where can we learn to spend more time with God that doesn't even have to be conventional?

Some may take a look at their devotion time a little differently. My father would have (and did) spent his time with God on mountain tops in the Allegheny's in Pennsylvania. I love a beautiful spring day filled with sunshine (or should I say, SONshine?) that absolutely shows the beauty God has created for us. Wherever you can find a peaceful, quiet moment that you can share with God, do it - and be **BOLD** about it.

Take the time during your busy day to give back to God what is His - YOU! Just how can we do that? Just as you may set aside time, perhaps at the same time every day, for a meal, prepare a small time or area that you can spend it just chatting with God. Oh, yea, its probably a really good idea if we listen once in awhile as well.

For instance, I work with a gentle man who is a practicing Orthodox Jew. This man takes time out of his day to pray - actually, it is **three** times a day - and he never, ever misses a prayer time. Its part of his faith walk. Each and every day, worship of God is foremost in his life. All I can say to that is WOW! I can barely get one prayer time in, let alone setting aside time three separate moments in the day. You know that pray without ceasing thing - I think this might be an example of that.

Take the time in this merry month of May to be **BOLD** in your prayer and devotion time. Nothing we have in our lives is more important than God. He is ours and we belong to Him. In John 10:27-28 it tells us, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand." It doesn't get any better than that!

Yours in Christ,  
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