

“A Church Called Intrepid”

Acts 4:29-33

29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

- Resurrection Sunday 2021 brought a new first for America; according to a new Gallup poll released at the beginning of that week, it was the first Sunday where a majority of Americans (53%) told pollsters that they do not participate in organized religion.
- F.D.R. said on Dec 7, 1941, in a speech delivered to both houses of Congress in declaring war against the Axis powers made this statement, “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.” If he were alive today and made that same statement, he would have been booed out of the Chamber. The left plays on people’s fears. The Covid pandemic proves it. The left is capitalizing on people’s fears.
- I was reading an article recently by Victor Davis Hansen written on March 31, 2021, titled, “Radical New Rules for Post America” I am going to quote rule number 10: **Wokeness is the new religion, growing faster and larger than Christianity itself.** Its priesthood outnumbers the clergy and exercises far more power. Silicon Valley is the new Vatican, and Amazon, Apple, Facebook, Google, and Twitter the new Gospels.

- I was reading an article in the April 4, 2021, Wall Street Journal by Dave Seminara titled, “What I Wouldn’t Give for a Shave That Isn’t Woke” He said that Harry’s Razor Blade Co. pulled its advertising from a conservative website called The Daily Wire after a Twitter user with TWENTY-NINE followers complained that they had a podcast that he found offensive. THIRTY people were able to get a company to bow to their wokeness.
- Coca-Cola, Delta Airlines, just to name a couple, have recently decided that they are going to enter into the culture war. They would rather bow to wokeness than be boycotted and canceled out.
- **I WOULD MUCH RATHER BE BIBLICALLY CORRECT THAN POLITICALLY CORRECT!!!!**
- To say we are living in perilous times would be a major understatement.

Isa 60:1-5

1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.

5 Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

- We need to pray like the early church did in Acts chapter four. Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness we may speak your word.
- The church needs a fresh dose of boldness in this hour we are living in to be able to speak the word of God with boldness and even more love.

- An outstanding book on WWII is titled “A Man Called Intrepid” It is the story about William Stephenson, a British spy to whom Winston Churchill gave the codename: Intrepid.
- It is said that it was Stephenson that was the inspiration of the James Bond character.
- The definition of Intrepid is: resolutely fearless, dauntless
- **WE NEED TO BE A CHURCH CALLED INTREPID!!!!**

Pro 28:1

The wicked flee when no man pursueth: **but the righteous are as bold as a lion.**

- We are His church, and the gates of hell have not, or will not ever prevail against it.
- It is time to get resolutely fearless and dauntless in a world that is trying by the day to cancel us out.
- Where are the Josephs who dare to say, “My brothers may have hated me and sold me out, but I’m going to keep dreaming?”
- Where are the Moseses that aren’t afraid to say, “I’m going to suffer affliction with the people of God, rather than endure the pleasures of sin for a season?”
- Where are the Joshuas that are going to be strong and courageous against a walled city full of giants?
- Where are the Shamgars who are dauntless enough to grab an ox goad and slay six hundred Philistines when people were walking through byways in order to avoid the Philistines?
- Where are the Davids who cry, “Is there not a cause” while the king sits in his tent for fear with his knees knocking?”
- Where are the Shammahs who were fearless enough to stand in the midst of the lentil patch and defend it from the Philistines while the majority were running for their lives?
- Where are the three Hebrew captives who were fearless enough to look the King of Babylon in the face and declare, “We will not bow to your image or dance to your music.”
- Where are the Daniels who would rather pray to God knowing it would mean getting thrown into a den of hungry lions than be safely silent in his house?

- Where are the Esthers who will be fearless enough to say, “If I die, I die, I’m going into the king’s presence”?

Heb 11:32-40

32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

- **Jesus, grant your people boldness in these last days to do your will, fulfill The Great Commission, and to be The Church Called Intrepid.**

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