

Week 4:

Brokenhearted Boldness



Questions

1. Take a moment to share about your journey in the Revival Practices. These will not be mastered in 40 days, but each practice can be started. Where are you the most excited or discouraged?
2. Read Matthew 9:36. Based on this Scripture, when Jesus saw people, what did He feel? Why do you think Jesus felt this way about them? What was the deeper, spiritual need that Jesus saw in these people?
3. How are you doing with praying over your salvation prayer list daily? Please take a moment to share any tips or any struggles.
4. Read Romans 10:14: God placed you into the life of each person on your Salvation Prayer List, so that you can “tell them” about Jesus. This verse says that people cannot call on Jesus if they have never heard of Him. How do people hear about Jesus? How will the people on your Salvation Prayer List ever hear about Jesus? Do you think God wants us to just pray for souls, or to also tell those souls about Jesus?
5. What might need to change in your mindset when you interact with other people, for you to be used by God to reach souls for Jesus? What keeps you from sharing Christ with souls who are asleep in the flames? (Examples: too busy, too self-centered, don’t really believe in eternity, etc.)
6. Read Acts 1:8. What has been your relationship with the Holy Spirit as a Christian? Have you ever asked God to empower you by His Spirit? Have you ever asked God to lead you by His Spirit? For deeper study see Acts 9:31 and 4:8.
7. If the disciples were powerless to share Christ apart from the Holy Spirit, how effective could we be in sharing Christ if we are not empowered by the Holy Spirit? Have you ever considered this before? Describe any times when you attempted to share Christ without depending on the Holy Spirit. Describe any times when you shared Christ while depending on the Holy Spirit.
8. Last week we took the challenge to pray our prayer requests directly to God. Let’s do that again and focus on salvations, praying by name for the souls of people you know. Allow some space for the Holy Spirit to bring people to mind. Pauses and moments of silence are totally fine.
9. The sermon addressed some common challenges we have with sharing our faith.
 - Living as if it doesn’t matter (if we share Jesus).
 - Lacking compassion for lost souls.



- Lacking courage to be bold and speak up.

Which of these 3 has been the biggest challenge for you? Was there an illustration, story, or scripture that inspired you about this challenge?

10. In the 40 days devotional we are being challenged to message people on our Salvation Prayer List (Week 4, Day 2). Share if you were able to do this, and if so, what responses you received. Here is the challenge below:

Take a moment now to message some of the individuals on your Salvation Prayer List, if you have their contact information. Your message could be as simple as some version of this:

“I am praying and God brought you to mind.

Just want you to know you are cared for.

If I can ever help you spiritually, let me know.

God loves you, and as odd as it may sound, I think He placed me in your life to help you know Him. Is there anything I can be praying about for you?” (You can modify that message however you like.)

Pray that God prepares the heart of the people you message.

Note: When you begin asking people if you can pray for them, you will begin discovering if they are open to God or not.

For those who don't reply with a prayer request, just continue praying for their salvation. Keep asking God to open a door.

For those who do reply with a prayer request, view that request as an open door. Scribble their request next to their name on your list. Begin praying daily for their prayer. When you see that person, ask about the situation you are praying for. You will often be pleasantly surprised how this opens a person's heart to God.

11. As you pray daily, God will begin to grow your compassion and open your spiritual eyes for the people on your list. We are still early in the process, but take a moment to share if this has already begun for you.
12. Read Romans 9:2-4. If you do not yet have “unceasing anguish” in your heart, would you be willing for God to burden you in this way, if it is part of His plan to reach those people with salvation? Would you choose to love them enough to be uncomfortable in this way?
13. Describe what's happening in your heart. Are you excited about the possibility of revival, or do you need to ask God to further awaken your heart to it?



14. Bonus item: If you have time, select someone from the group to read aloud the D.L. Moody prayer at the end of this guide.

Takeaways

- After interceding for the lost, we demonstrate our faith by going out into our schools, neighborhoods, workplaces and cities—to tell people about Jesus.
- *Why does sharing Jesus' Good News matter?*

Matthew 9:36 (ESV)

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

- Sharing Jesus matters because people are suffering without hope and dying without eternal life.

John 14:6 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

- 3 Questions About Sharing Your Faith
 1. *Why does it matter if you share Jesus' Good News?*
 2. *How can you cultivate a Brokenhearted compassion for the lost souls?*
 3. *How can you find the courage to be bold and speak up about Jesus?*
- 1. *Why does it matter if you share Jesus' Good News?*
- Sharing Jesus matters because God commands it as the primary work and purpose of a Christian on earth.

Matthew 28:19-20a (NIV)

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Mark 16:15 (NIV)

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Romans 10:14 (NIV)

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

- Ask God to give you boldness to ask questions that lead to spiritual conversations, or even just deeper conversations.
- Ask God for the courage to invite people to church. Ask Him for open doors in hearts and conversations.



- “Give me one hundred [proclaimers of Jesus] who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not whether they be clergymen [pastors] or laymen, they alone will shake the gates of Hell and set up the kingdom of Heaven upon Earth.” – John Wesley, First Great Awakening
- *What if it became the norm in our church for every adult to bring a person to Jesus – every year?*
- Sharing Jesus matters because it exhibits the heart of God: to deny self in order to seek and save the lost.

Philippians 2:7b-8a (NIV)

he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself

- God wants my primary motives in evangelism to be compassion, love for God/others, and the Father’s glory.
- *2: How can you cultivate a Brokenhearted compassion for lost souls?*
- Cultivate a broken heart of compassion for the lost by becoming more like Christ (through daily obedience, worship, repentance, and prayer).
- Cultivate a broken heart of compassion for the lost by praying over your Salvation Prayer List daily.

Luke 19:10 (NIV)

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Acts 1:8b (NIV)

and you will be my witnesses

- *3: How can you find the courage to be bold and speak up about Jesus?*

Acts 8:4

Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.

- Grow your courage by calling on the Holy Spirit to empower you.
Grow your courage by running with other believers who are also sharing their faith.
Grow your courage by stepping out of your comfort zone—then seeing how God shows up.

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 9:31 (NIV)

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

Acts 4:3 (NIV)

They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.



Acts 4:8, 10b (NIV)

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

Acts 4:12 (NIV)

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

A Prayer for the Lost

Prayed by D.L. Moody, the Third Great Awakening, Boston 1877

“Our Heavenly Father, we pray that You will give us the compassion of Christ. He was moved with compassion, as this good Samaritan, when he met this poor, wounded and dying man.

O God, give us the spirit of the good Samaritan! May we go from this building and hunt up many tonight, and tell them of Christ and heaven.

May we go to the homes of the poor drunkards; may we go to the homes and hearts of gamblers, the homes of the fallen, the despised and the outcast, and tell them of Christ and heaven.

O Spirit of God! come down upon this assembly, and may the Church of God find out who their neighbors are.

And, O God, we ask You that our people will be filled with the Spirit of Christ, and that they may go and tell others the story of the cross.

And, O God, we pray that hundreds and thousands in this city may be working to win souls to Christ. We pray that great things may be done in Boston.

And not only at this gathering, but tonight, as Your servants meet in the different churches, O God, would You meet with them!

And we pray that there may be a hurrying in the churches all over Boston, and all around in its vicinity. Wake them up, that there may be a great work for them to do.

We pray that the day would be soon when many souls will be brought to Christ, and when this building will be filled with those who are lost and want to be saved; that many anxious hearts will cry out, “What must I do to be saved?”

O Spirit of God, come down upon the assembly now, that the hearts of God’s people may be made one, glorifying and honoring Christ as one!

May we be holy ourselves and give You our best service. Now we pray for a numerous meeting tonight.

May these Christian young men be fired with the Holy Spirit from on high. May they be like Joshua, strong in the faith, men of God. May the Christian young men of Boston be known for their Christian zeal.



And O Lord, we pray that drunkards by hundreds and thousands may be saved by the regenerating power of God. May they be touched by the Holy Spirit, and may power be given them to overcome their terrible appetite.

We pray that this meeting we have today may be the means of saving many, and that You would bless it, as well as those meetings we have in the future.

We pray, O God, that many may go out every day and pray for these lost souls, and show them the way of salvation.

In the saloons, the billiard saloons, O God, would You pour out Your mercy and make many men tremble for what they were about to do.

O God, as we gather at the second meeting, we pray that the Spirit of God may come upon us, and that this great audience may be hushed by the power of God.

May we hear the voice of Jesus tonight!

And as we listen may we be ready to go out and do Your work. For Your name's sake. Amen."

