



MOMENTUM BUILDER

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“A call to be bold!”

Jesus made the boldest declaration of all time when he simply stated, “I Am.” He wasn’t bragging, because He was declaring truth. But, His statement required evidence to back it up. He did this by proving it with His life and His miracles, He did this by giving and by serving, so that people could receive.

MESSAGE OPENER:

What is the boldest declaration you have personally heard someone make?

Maybe it was an athlete.

Muhammad Ali (Boxer) – “I am the greatest. I said that even before I knew I was. I figured that if I said it enough, I would convince the world that I really was the greatest.”

Usain Bolt (Olympic Runner) – “I did what I wanted, I came out of a rough season and it’s what I came here to do. I’m now a legend, I’m also the greatest athlete to live.”

LeBron James (Basketball Player) – “I feel confident because I’m the best player in the world, it’s simple”

Joe Flacco (NFL Quarterback) – “I mean, I think I’m the best. I don’t think I’m top five, I think I’m the best.”

Ricky Henderson (Baseball Player) – “Today, I’m the greatest of all time. Thank you.”

Maybe it was an advertisement.

Gillette – The best a man can get.

Porsche – There is no substitute.

Disneyland – The happiest place on earth.

Fuddruckers – World’s greatest hamburgers

Papa Johns – Better ingredients, better pizza

BMW – The ultimate driving machine

British Airways – The world’s favourite airline.

Maybe it was a friend.

All of these statements require evidence to back them up. If they aren't found to be true, then maker of the statement should be labeled as crazy, or at least, very misguided.

Every bold claim that Jesus ever made was backed up through His life and example. When he declared something, it was 100% true, no matter how crazy it may have seemed.

READ: John 6:35, and references to Daniel

WATCH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGzf6x5eCXM>

KEY POINTS:

Jesus was bold He declared, "I Am" and then backed it up with His miracles that provided and satisfied. He said, "I am THE bread of life," then fed the 5,000. But Jesus didn't come to be the bread giver but to be the bread himself. Miracles are all about the miracle maker, not the miracle itself. They served to validate the miracle maker.

Boldness is never fighting Boldness, showing our teeth, having bite, as Christians is never about being rude and crude. Our boldness isn't to be me against you and who can stand alone the most or speak the loudest. The boldness of a Christian doesn't look like taking a swing, it's not about winning the point, it's winning the person.

Boldness begins with serving Jesus' boldness begins with serving. After He served the 5,000, they come looking for more...and THEN he declares the truth! Boldness in Christianity isn't running around with bats in our hands ready to go fight, boldness is having a broom in our hands, ready to serve.

CLOSING CHALLENGES:

The world has seen a lot of Christians but rarely ones that are Christ-like.
The world has heard about believers but rarely ones that were believable.
The world has heard about grace but rarely has seen graciousness.

What makes the Gospel bold and undeniable to a watching world?

A bunch of teenage lions roaring with ridiculous love and hospitality.

You will earn the right to be bold in proclamation by first finding a need and meeting it—get your fingernails dirty so you can help others get a clean heart.

Jesus came to be a servant; He came to give, so people could receive.