

UNHINDERED

→ Unhindered, Lesson 1

What would you like to see happen in 2009? Think BIG. Think VERY BIG! Think no stink'n way possible unless God does it BIG!

- Maybe it is someone you want to see walk over the line of faith in 2009
- Maybe it is someone you want to reconcile with in 2009
- Maybe it is something you want to see Jesus do in your life in 2009
- Maybe it is a spiritual risk you want to take in 2009

(Small group leaders – take notes and pray for these weekly. Encourage your small group to be BOLD in their belief and work.)

Read Acts 28:30 – 31

This is at the end of Paul's journey to Rome. From the verses below, describe what is happening in Paul's life:

- Acts 21:27
- Acts 23:12
- Acts 24:24ff
- Acts 24:27
- Acts 25:3
- Acts 27
- Acts 28:1-6
- Acts 28:20
- Acts 28:30

The last couple of words in the Greek Bible (the language the New Testament was written in) are the words BOLDLY and WITHOUT HINDRANCE.

Define **Boldly** and **Without Hindrance** in your own language.

Boldness has to do with our response to God's work in making things without hindrance. How does boldness show an appropriate response to God's work?

The next two weeks are reminding ourselves of God's vision for Park. Our vision statement is: We exist to be a Biblical Community where the Gospel of Jesus Christ transforms lives, renews the city and impacts the world.

BIBLICAL COMMUNITY

Jackson shared three ways we can live boldly toward each other in community:

1. We live boldly toward each other in speaking the truth to each other.
2. We live boldly toward each other by lending our courage.
3. We live boldly toward each other in cheering each other on during the long work of Jesus in our life.

What keeps us from living boldly toward each other?

How does knowing our most significant/important relationship is not in this group but is in Jesus. Knowing

that we should not derive our value from a small group, but it should be derived from Jesus. How does this allow me engage with our group differently, healthier, and boldly?

Can you share an experience where you benefited from someone speaking the truth to you, lending your courage, or cheering you on?

Of these three areas which one(s) is our group strong in living out toward each other?

Which one(s) do we need to grow in?

What can we do to a biblical community living boldly toward each other?

JR talked about two parts of a transformed life revealed in Paul's life. Read Acts 28:30-31.

The kingdom of God changes our perception of who we are and where we come from.

How has the Gospel changed your perception of your beginning?

Have you allowed the Cross of Jesus Christ to transform your life or just the sinful parts of your life? In what ways have you limited the work of the Gospel in your life?

The Teachings of Jesus give us some clear paths to transformation...the word of God and intimate relationships begin two of those.

- How are you doing at being in the Word?
- What are you learning from your time in the Word?
- What are some obstacles you face to getting into a regular time of study in the word of God?
- How deep and honest are your relationships? How could they be more honest?
- What are the practical steps you want to take to spending time in the Word. JR mentioned following 8 Minutes with God's read through the Bible plan, or setting your clock 15 minutes earlier than your wake up time. Those are just two ideas. What's your plan to spend more time in the Word?

How can these points of transformation create boldness and courage in your daily walk with God and others?

What area of your life do you need to decide to simply move forward into, by the Grace of Christ, and do something significant for the kingdom and to potentially even see lives transformed?



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