



# Spring of Hope Ministries

## Speaking Courageously & Boldly!

In our culture today there is a growing number of people that have become much bolder in promoting values and ideas that are opposed to Christian beliefs and Biblical principles. A healthy fear of God has evaporated from the hearts of a segment of people. Rather than living from Godly beliefs and Biblical principles it appears that there is an urgency to move towards what feels right or what may be the most popular opinions or most accepted ideas! **From this they are building their own truth!**

I've noticed that few Christians are willing to speak up in the face of resistance. Christians today lack boldness. We have heard so many times that Christians should be meek and we interpret that as weak. **[Meekness is not weakness!]** Meekness is acting courageously in the authority of Jesus Christ. Meek Christians can be bold Christians. To be bold does not mean being loud, obnoxious, controlling or unruly. **The word bold means to not hesitate or be fearful in the face of actual or possible resistance; to move beyond**

**the usual limits of conventional thoughts or actions; to be courageous!**

Two thousand years ago they wanted to stop the message of Christ. The religious leaders of that time commanded Peter & John to not speak or teach in the name of Jesus (Acts 4:18). Peter & John's response in Acts 4:20 was **"We cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard"**. There are those today that desire to put an end to or weaken Christianity. They are boldly standing up against the truth of God's Word. As Christians we have a tendency to not respond in a courageous way.

Boldness in Christ does not come from our selves. It does not come from our own knowledge, own understand or how we feel. Rather it comes from the Holy Spirit empowering us. We have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. Let's ask as the disciples did, That God would give us **boldness to speak HIS WORD in confidence** – (Acts 4:29-31). Scripture tells us in **Luke 6:45** – **"The good man out of the**

**good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.** It is the good that we treasure within our heart that the mind thinks and comprehends; therefore, we speak confidently in the face of opposition to the truth! **Let's be bold and courageous -- standing up & speaking forth from what the good that we treasure in our heart!**—Wayne Kuhns, Director



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## 2022 Upcoming Seminars & Schools

### **GREAT BEHAVIOR BREAKDOWN PARENTING CLASS**

Four Sessions  
Mondays 7:00– 8:30  
Sept 12th - Oct 3rd  
Deadline to register:  
August 31st

### **ELIJAH HOUSE 201**

Tuesdays,  
Sept 13–Dec 13th  
6:30pm –9:30pm  
Spring of Hope Office  
Deadline to Register:  
August 31st

### **ELIJAH HOUSE 202**

Tuesdays,  
Sept 20th–Dec 13th  
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm  
World Harvest Outreach  
Deadline to Register:  
August 31st

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Identity is key especially in a time when the events of the world have the potential to stir fear. The Lord is not too weak or unaware of all that is happening. Instead, He is pressing in pursuing, wooing, and drawing to Himself sons and daughters. Scripture says, ***“For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.” [Romans 8:19]*** It is so very important that our identity in Christ is solid.

The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness centered around Jesus not only knowing His identity but also being secure in His identity. ***“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood...” [Ephesians 6:12]*** Satan said to Jesus, ***“IF you are***

***the Son of God...” [Matthew 4:3,6]*** The two-letter word, “IF” brings into question His identity. Too often the struggles speak or imply a false identity about who we are, the purpose of our life, or who God is. Stress, depression, anxiety, relationship issues, performance, trauma, abuse, and much more tell us who we are not. Like Jesus, it is imperative that we truly know our identity.

We are in Christ. ***“For in Him we live and move and have our being.” [Acts 17:28]*** We are created in His image. [Genesis 1:27] In other words, in Him, we are all that He is. Jesus has ***“given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions, and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm***

***you.” [Luke 10:19]*** Not only are we made in His image, but God also says, ***“let them have dominion...” [Genesis 1: 26]*** There are some things we do not have to battle. Yes, we may walk the journey, but the victory is won. ***“...We are more than conquerors through him who loved us.” [Romans 8:37]*** The keys of the Kingdom of heaven are available to you. [Matthew 16:19] If you are not yet convinced here is one more, ***“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.” [Philippians 4: 13]*** This is who you are. Re-read this paragraph until you know truth. Truth will set you free. In Him YOU are so worthy, very powerful, and you have a purpose.

—Melissa Varner, Administrator

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