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Ephesians 6:18-20 (NIV)

Fearlessly

Now that's a word that has your attention. What's that? **Oh, you don't know what I'm talking about?** I suppose that I do know what you are talking about. You're asking me about that word fearlessly. **Yes, that's right. You would like to minister to others without fear, wouldn't you? You would like to proclaim the Gospel without any anxiety or apprehensions, isn't that right?** Yes, that's right. **If you had absolutely no fear would you rely on me? If you were completely without any anxiety would you ask me for my help?** Those are great questions. **You don't even have to think about those questions. You know the answers without any hesitation, isn't that right?** Yes, I'm pretty sure that if I had no fear, anxiety or apprehensions I would most likely rely on myself and not on you. **Is there any doubt in your mind?** No, there is no doubt in my mind.

You have tried mightily to avoid fear, anxiety and apprehension when you have served me. You have looked for and chosen relatively easy assignments. Yes, I have done that. **Have you found easy assignments that cause you no fear, anxiety or apprehension to be immensely fruitful and highly rewarding?** No, not really. No, not at all. Assignments that have no challenge are bland, mundane and boring. I am weary of doing very little and accomplishing even less. **Do you think that it has been my will for you to choose bland, mundane and boring assignments?** No, I don't think so. **What do you think my assignments for you might look like?** I'm pretty sure that your assignments will ask me for more than I can handle. Your assignments will no doubt stretch me beyond my abilities. What you give me to do will cause me to cry out to you in prayer to ask you for your help. **Yes, it will.** You will give me all that I need to do what you have given me to do. **Yes, I will.** But, you will only give it to me, as I ask you for it, at the time that I need it. **Why is that?** You want me to rely on you. You want my faith in you to grow. You want me to come to you in prayer to ask you for all that I need. **Yes, I do. Is that it? Can you think of any more reasons why I want you to come to me to ask me for what you need?** You want me to live in a relationship with you. You want me to know that you really are working in and through my life. **Yes, I do. Would you want it any other way?** No, I would not.

Lord, thank you that you have given me all I need to minister to those in need. Help me to be alert and constantly ready to pray for the needs of others. Open my mouth and give me your words to enable me to fearlessly proclaim the Gospel. Amen

So That *Make Known The Mystery Of The Gospel*

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NIV Ephesians 6:18-20

So That *Boldly Explain God's Mysterious Plan*

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

NLT Ephesians 6:18-20

So That *Make Known With Boldness The Mystery Of The Gospel*

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

NRSV Ephesians 6:18-20

So That *Proclaim Boldly The Mystery Of The Good News*

Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people). And [pray] also for me, that [freedom of] utterance may be given me, that I may open my mouth to proclaim boldly the mystery of the good news (the Gospel), For which I am an ambassador in a coupling chain [in prison. Pray] that I may declare it boldly and courageously, as I ought to do.

AMP Ephesians 6:18-20

So That *Make Known With Boldness The Mystery Of The Gospel*

With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

NASB Ephesians 6:18-20

So That *Proclaim The Mystery Of The Gospel*

praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

ESV Ephesians 6:18-20

So That *Make Known The Mystery Of The Gospel*

praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

NKJV Ephesians 6:18-20

So That *Telling The Mystery To One And All*

In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out. And don't forget to pray for me. Pray that I'll know what to say and have the courage to say it at the right time, telling the mystery to one and all, the Message that I, jailbird preacher that I am, am responsible for getting out.

MSG Ephesians 6:18-20

So That *Explain To Them That His Salvation Is For The Gentiles*

Pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit's wishes. Plead with him, reminding him of your needs, and keep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere. Pray for me, too, and ask God to give me the right words as I boldly tell others about the Lord and as I explain to them that his salvation is for the Gentiles too. I am in chains now for preaching this message from God. But pray that I will keep on speaking out boldly for him even here in prison, as I should.

TLB Ephesians 6:18-20

So That *Tell The Secret Of The Good News*

Pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers, asking for everything you need. To do this you must always be ready and never give up. Always pray for all God's people. Also pray for me that when I speak, God will give me words so that I can tell the secret of the Good News without fear. I have been sent to preach this Good News, and I am doing that now, here in prison. Pray that when I preach the Good News I will speak without fear, as I should.

NCV Ephesians 6:18-20

So That – Ephesians 6:18-20

In Context: Read Ephesians 6

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: (What is God speaking to your heart?)

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Considering The Words: (What words speak to your heart?)

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Praying The Scripture: (What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means: (What questions speak to your heart?) (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

How are you being persistent in your prayers for believers everywhere?

Why is it important for you to be constantly alert and ready to pray for others?

What kinds of occasions have given you opportunities to pray for the needs of others?

When has the Holy Spirit guided and empowered the prayers that you have prayed for others?

When are you praying that words will be given to those who proclaim God’s word to you?

When has the Holy Spirit given you all that you needed to minister to the needs of others?

When has the Holy Spirit removed your fear and enabled you to fearlessly proclaim the Gospel?

Living It Out: (What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Be alert and constantly ready to pray so that you and others will be able to fearlessly proclaim the Gospel.

Seeing It Happen: (What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that as you pray the Holy Spirit will help you and others to fearlessly proclaim the Gospel.

Get Ready To Share: (What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you have been able to fearlessly proclaim the Gospel.

Close With Prayer: Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration...

Thanksgiving...

Confession...

Intercession...

Petition...

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you be alert and constantly ready to pray so you and others will be able to fearlessly proclaim the Gospel.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will pray that others and I will have the words and be able to fearlessly proclaim the Gospel.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, who can I share the Gospel with today?
