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AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST

An ambassador is an official of the very highest rank. They are sent by a government or the highest ruler of a country or kingdom to another country. They deliver the messages from their ruling entity to some other entity, rulership, or power.

In Ephesians 6:19-20, the Apostle Paul requests prayer ***“that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: [so] that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak [to preach and teach.]”***

Paul was a prisoner in Rome at that time and under house arrest. He desired to speak as an ambassador for Jesus and the kingdom of heaven so that the Romans could hear the gospel. For a prisoner to speak boldly among his captors could carry great risk, even unto death. He sought prayer support from the church at Ephesus so he may have both the freedom and the boldness to declare about sin, repentance, grace, faith on Jesus, and the fullness of the gospel. He was Christ's ambassador to a foreign government and people.

He did, in fact, boldly declare the gospel, and many were converted. [64-66 A.D.] After two years of this ministry, the Roman government executed him. Paul did not fear execution. His purpose and mission as an ambassador of Jesus to Rome was to declare the message of salvation through Jesus and the kingdom of heaven.

If you lack boldness to publicly declare Jesus, ask other believers to pray that God would grant you that boldness. This is what Paul did in asking the Ephesians to pray. Paul may have been naturally bold, but he still coveted their prayers.

If you have been timid in witnessing and declaring the gospel to others, then ask God for boldness. Ask other believers for prayer and then make up your mind that you will witness and declare the gospel.

You must make that decision to witness and declare Jesus to others. If you do not make the decision to do it, no amount of prayer from others will move you to do it. It is an act of your will which is motivated by your love for your Lord Jesus. The choice is yours.

Then, the Holy Spirit will grant you that boldness. You must take the first step. Be a faithful ambassador for Jesus and his Kingdom.