

## Character Trait for January 25-29 is Boldness (courage)

**Ephesians 5:1, "Therefore, be imitators of God"**

**CHARACTER:** qualities built into our lives that determine our responses, regardless of circumstances.

**Boldness:** The confidence to do or say what is true, right and just.

**Weekly Verse:** Psalm 31:4 "Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord."

**Bible Story:** In Esther 5, Esther shows courage and boldness by approaching the king with her requests, even when she knows this could result in her death.

**Quote:** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### Leadership:

In positions of leadership, boldness isn't an excuse for:

- Poor planning.
- Lack of preparation.
- Abuse and rudeness.
- Backstabbing.
- Indulgence.
- Manipulation.

### Application:

Stop hesitating and take action. What is it that you want to do (or quit doing) but you have been hesitant because you cannot find the courage? Maybe now is the time to act.

Be willing to say no to some things that others want you to do.

Be clear in your communication with others. Do not just expect them to know what you want.

### Discussion Questions:

Think of the last week of Jesus's life. Can you give examples of where he showed boldness and courage as he navigated those last days?