

CHUTZPAH

RAW NERVE DRIVEN BY COURAGE

KEY SCRIPTURE

Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity[a] he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. - Luke 11:5-8

DISCUSS

Chutzpah is the agent that brings change. Talk about a personal example of Chutzpah in your life.

The Gift of Disruption Leads us to Desperation, Desperation produces Chutzpah.

ASK

Has there been a point of disruption in your life that has led to desperation? Can that desperation lead to a courageous prayer?



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Getting our prayers answered doesn't result from timid and polite appeals. Rather, it comes from the deep conviction that we are esteemed children in God's house and that our Father will give us what we ask.



ACTION

Write out your Chutzpah prayer. Meditate on it throughout the week.

God, I thank You that You are my Father. You have called me into an intimate relationship with You. I pray that You will help me see every disruption in my life as a divine intervention from You. Help me respond to these disruptions as opportunities and lead me into that holy desperation for more of You. There are areas in my life that need breakthrough. I boldly and shamelessly come before You now and insist that You answer my prayers. As Your child I know You graciously give good gifts to Your children; You withhold nothing from the ones You love. Increase the chutzpah in my life and give me an aggressive faith to believe You for bigger things. Amen!

POINT TO EMPHASIZE:

Chutzpah is about recognizing our position as a child of God.

Children have the ear of their parents. They are not afraid to ask for what they need when they are hungry or tired. As children of God, we have immediate access to His provision and promises.

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

- Hebrews 4:16

CHOSEN + DISTINGUISHED

PASSIONATELY RESPOND TO HIS CALL

KEY SCRIPTURE

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore.

Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. —Luke 5:1-11

DISCUSS

Have you ever paused to think, What is my identity?

When we are called by God, He gives us a completely new identity and assignment. Discuss how God identifies and defines you. Ask for the group for adjectives.

Examples: Holy, Chosen, Set Apart, Loved...

ASK

Then ask, How is Jesus uniquely distinguishing you? In what areas is He calling you to walk forward in boldness?