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The Book of Acts // Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey
S3 Ep2: Gospel Boldness, Gospel Persuasion, and Gospel Power
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Kingdom of God

The term "Kingdom of God" occurs four times in Matthew (12:28; 19:24; 21:31; 21:43), fourteen times in Mark, thirty-two times in Luke, twice in the Gospel of John (3:3, 5), six times in Acts, eight times in Paul, and once in Revelation (12:10). Matthew actually prefers the term "Kingdom of heaven" which he uses over 20 times in his gospel.

Let us share about the kingdom of God with boldness.

Whatever you do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius and power and magic in it.

-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Acts 4:13

[13] Now when they saw the **boldness** of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:29

[29] And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all **boldness**,

Acts 28:30-31

[30] He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, [31] proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all **boldness** and without hindrance.

Let us share about the kingdom of God with persuasion.

Persuasion is not a science but an art. – William Bernbach

Acts 17:2-4

[2] And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, [3] explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." [4] And some of them were **persuaded** and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.

Acts 19:26

[26] And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all of Asia this Paul has **persuaded** and turned away a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods.

Let us share about the kingdom of God with power.

Romans 1:16

[16] For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the **power** of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

1 Corinthians 1:18

[18] For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the **power** of God.

2 Corinthians 12:1-5

[1] I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. [2] I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. [3] And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— [4] and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. [5] On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast,