



**KIDS MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS\_27 December 2020\_Preparing for Big and Bold Part 2\_Pastor John Bendixen (WTB)**



**Need to be flowing with God and be in His order:** Pastor John is here to encourage me today, no matter what the time of day, week, which week in the year, what time of the year, this is the time where I need to be flowing with God, I need to be in the order of God and not just doing whatever I want to do.



**Don't forget who you are:** That means, whatever I'm doing, I don't forget who I really am. You're not the person that wants to feed your body with burgers, pizzas, milkshakes, cakes and do whatever your body and soul wants to do. That is not who I am. I am a new creature in Christ Jesus. That spirit creature / new creation that's inside of me, the Jesus, the Holy Spirit in me, no matter which day or time of year it is always wants me to be free.



**Connected:** That means, the Holy Spirit, the Jesus in me, always wants me connect meaningfully with the Father, the Word of God and with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Whatever I'm doing, I make sure that I feed my inner man. I make sure that first thing in the morning when I wake up before I do anything, I take time, a moment to connect with Jesus.



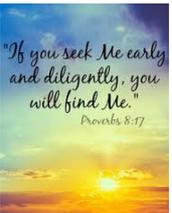
**Thank Him:** I just thank Him that I'm alive, for the time that I'm in and even though things may be difficult or this is timeout for me. Even in that I say, "Lord, I don't really have much to say to You, I'm just thankful that You're my Lord, You're my Saviour and everything that You've got planned for me will come to pass eventually, even though it might not feel like it right now."



**Great power inside you:** Pastor John encourages me, not to forget who I really am. I'm a powerful spirit being and I have so much power. If I've given my natural man permission to speak loudly to me, at this time, I still have great power inside of me to control what seemed to be uncontrollable. Pastor John encourages me, I don't let circumstances stop and hinder me, from letting my spirit man talk with God.



**A very important week:** This is really an important week, right now. A lot of people are saying, "I don't need to go to church, I don't need to be at work, I want to rest, this is my timeout." In my time out, I take time to meditate on the Word of God. I take time to be free in my thinking, my spirit man and in the things that God has got for me. In that freedom, God can speak to me, in so many ways about so many different things.



**This time of the year is an opportunity:** This time of year, in the past, has been an opportunity for Pastor John, to have the Holy Spirit speak to him. Oftentimes there is less responsibility, clutter, chaos happening in his world around this time. He can shut out a lot of that responsibility while he's laying low or doing some activities that gives him joy. Like Pastor John, the more I connect with God earlier in the day, especially in these kinds of timeouts, I find that God speaks to me through the day and He begins to show me things, new things, wonderful things, that are possible in my world.



**Digital Sunday 2021:** It has been my experience that God often has something to say on the first Sunday of a new year. I have often seen that God has significantly spoken on the first Sunday of a new year.



**Boldness:** <sup>11</sup>This perfectly wise plan was destined from eternal ages and fulfilled completely in our Lord Jesus Christ, so that now <sup>12</sup>we have boldness through him, and free access as kings before the Father (Ephesians 3:11-12 TPT). We have boldness through Him, and we have free access as kings before the Father because of my Lord, Jesus Christ. What the Lord has spoken to Pastor John about 2021 is, He said, "I want you to be bold and I want you to go big." If I have this faithful Lord and Saviour that this verse speaks about and I know He is faithful to me, I have confidence that I have free access, boldness, that has come to me because of the Word of the Lord, then I behave as a king.





**Go to the King with the spirit and attitude of a king:** I go to the King of kings (Jesus), with the spirit and the attitude of a king. What does a king do and how does a king behave? If the king is in his kingdom, he has all the resources in his Kingdom, then he doesn't have to ask anybody whether he can use anything. He commands it. He just speaks and commands that the things that he wants to use must come to him and he uses them.

**Modern example:** In a today's world, if a king in his kingdom wanted to drive a Rolls Royce, Ferrari or Bentley that belongs to him, he doesn't ask anybody's permission whether he can drive it. He just tells the driver, "Bring it to me, I'm going for a drive." He goes where he wants, he orders and commands what he wants, because he has boldness and confidence that in the kingdom, he is the king.

**Access to everything:** The King can use everything that is in the kingdom. There is nowhere that he cannot go. There is no sign that says, 'no access allowed'. He is allowed anywhere and everywhere, because he is the king of the kingdom. This passage of Scripture says, "I have boldness through Him." Who? Jesus. I have boldness through Him and free access as kings before the Father.

**I have access:** That means the Father's Kingdom is open and available (accessible) to me, anytime, anyplace, anywhere, and there is nothing in His Kingdom, in His resource base that doesn't belong to me, that I can't access. This is because I have confidence and boldness, because of who I am in Him. This is really a wonderful position to be in.

**Free access to everything:** **<sup>35</sup>So don't lose your bold, courageous faith for you are destined for a great reward!** Why? Because of my bold, courageous faith. I am destined for a great reward. **<sup>36</sup>You need the strength of endurance to reveal the poetry of God's will and then you receive the promise in full. (Hebrews 10:35-36 TPT).** I receive the promise in full. How? I continue to be bold, I have a lot of courage. I have the spirit of, "I can be bold, I can be very courageous, I can be strong, because I can behave as a king. I have full access, as though I were a king because I have the spirit of the King inside of me. I belong in the kingdom of God and because I am in the kingdom of God, and God is my Father through Jesus, I can behave as though I have free access to everything."

**Make Jesus the center of everything:** Pastor John wants to encourage me to continue to make Jesus the center of everything I do. If He's the center of my thoughts in the beginning of the day, then while I'm doing anything, I continue to those around me, to be thankful, be grateful and express the goodness of God in my life. If there are those people that are around me that are not saved, not born again, they don't know who God is, I can still express my gratitude, thankfulness and all of the good things that God is to me in my life. Even though I don't necessarily mention the name of Jesus, I can express the blessing of God in my life.

**Story - sports store:** Pastor John went into a sports store to go and buy something he needed. He asked the owner how's his business and things were going. He spent the next five minutes ranting and raving about how bad, negative things have been in this COVID year, and he just went off being poisonously negative. Every time he would say something to Pastor John, Pastor John would speak out, "No, I'm not experiencing that at all. My life is good. My life is wonderful. My life is just blessed. The man's bitterness and anger at what had happened and how it impacted his business just overflowed and yet Pastor John was pushing back by speaking about the goodness that was in his life, the blessings, using words, spirit life words to him. As Pastor John kept speaking, eventually, he had nothing else to say because Pastor John was so positive and upbeat about everything. Pastor John would not allow his negative spirit to impact his world. I don't allow other people's negative spirit to impact my world.

**Speak words of Life:** As I think deeply and have this time; I speak words of life. I meditate on the words of life. I speak good things about my future and to others about what God is doing and what good things are about to happen to me. This is a perfect time, in this week, for me to do that. It is just an opportunity for me to speak good things, speak life, and enjoy.

