

¹⁶ Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

- 5) If a measure is a step as a means to an end, what are some of the “ends” or goals Paul encourages the Colossian church to have?
- 6) How is putting off something a bold measure for the Jesus-follower in thinking about what is “normal” in the world?
- 7) What are the main differences between culture’s definition of bold measures and how Paul defines them to the Colossian church?
- 8) From the passage, what is one of the key measures Paul recommends to the church?
- 9) Pastor Craig taught us that a bold yes or no comes from what we believe. Why does that make verse 10 so important in our daily lives? What bold measure will you do, or are already doing, to make this a bigger part of your life?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS

This week read through Colossians and ask God to reveal the following answers to you.

- 1) What is a bold measure I need to stop doing? Who can I talk to so I am not doing it alone?
- 2) Is there a bold measure I need to start doing that I am currently not or that I have let slide?
- 3) Am I using the world’s definition of bold measures or God’s?

I Believe

Pastor Craig Sweeney | January 22, 2023

Thread: A BOLD YES/NO are the result of what I believe.

Text: “There was a man named Jabez who was more honorable than any of his brothers. His mother named him Jabez because his birth had been so painful. He was the one who prayed to the God of Israel, ‘Oh, that you would bless me and expand my territory! Please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all trouble and pain!’ And God granted him his request.” I Chronicles 4:9-10 NLT

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“...Oh, that you would bless me and expand my territory! Please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all trouble and pain!”

- Jabez believed his life could have a greater impact.
- Jabez prayed in faith for this bold THING.
- He had to come to the moment he would bring his BOLD YES/NO to God.
- He had to get specific!
 - What do you want from God?

“And God granted him his request.”

- Only ONE person can come before God to pray this BOLD prayer for you...that would be you.

Today is the BEST day to:

- Reverse the negative trends in your life.
- Decide to bring a BOLD YES/NO to God.

Challenge:

- Take BOLD MEASURES.
- Reverse the negative trends in your life.
- Decide to bring a BOLD YES/NO to God.



DEVOTIONALS
& MESSAGE
RESOURCES

Life Group Homework
I Believe (Bold Measures)
Winter 2023 | Week 2
Message Date 1/22/2023

MY STORY



- 1) What breed of dog would you be?
- 2) What was your favorite game to play as a child?

QUICK REVIEW



- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME



Last week we shared that a measure “is a step taken as a means to an end.” Keep that thought in mind as we read through the passage and unpack the following questions.

- 4) In thinking about the idea of *bold measures*, how would the world or our culture define it?

Colossians 3:1-17 (NLT)

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. ² Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. ³ For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

⁵ So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. ⁶ Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. ⁷ You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. ⁸ But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. ⁹ Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. ¹⁰ Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. ¹¹ In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.

¹² Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.