



I Triple Dog Dare You!

Tupos Student Ministries

Wednesday Night Live – January 4, 2012

Video = "Audacious" (Student Life, 1:32)

1 Corinthians 16:13 = "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." (NIV)

I. I Dog Dare You

a. Be Audacious

- i. This is our theme (like the Student Life theme) for all we plan to do this new year (2012)!
- ii. What does "Audacious" mean?
 1. Audacious = "daring, bold, brave, overconfident, risky"
- iii. Four parts to this being audacious:

b. Be On Guard

- i. How do you guard yourself as a Christian?
 1. G = Grace (remember you are saved by grace and we need to spread that grace)
 2. U = Unity (with God's people)
 3. A = Accountability (help others guard up!)
 4. R = Righteousness (live right according to God, not simply according to the world)
 5. D = Devotion (don't just do devotions, be devoted to Christ... love Him for real!)



c. Be Firm In The Faith

- i. Firm = take a stand... don't move!!
- ii. Are you in God hands? (Better than AllState?)



1. "But the Lord's plans stand firm forever; his intentions can never be shaken." (Psalm 33:11, NLT)

d. Be Courageous

- i. Because of Who you belong to & Who is with you:
 1. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." (Deut. 31:6, NIV)

e. Be Strong

- i. Being strong isn't something you can be on your own
- ii. Galatians 2:20 = "My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (NLT)
 1. "crucify Him!" = what they yelled at Christ
 2. "Crucify me!" = Crucified with Christ
- iii. I dare you to be these things... but even more than a dare, is a double dog dare:

II. I Double Dog Dare You

a. Know You Are Chosen

- i. Read this in my devotion on Monday... amazing:
- ii. "But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Pet 2:9, NLT)
- iii. We are "chosen" by God... we are His because He chose us, loved us enough to choose us! Wow!

b. Act Like His Chosen

- i. Knowing He calls us his "chosen", his "holy nation"... are we acting like a holy nation?
- ii. Seriously, are we? How/how not? (Students share)
- iii. This dare stuff is getting pretty real... here's the biggest of all... more than a double dog dare:

III. I Triple Dog Dare You

a. To Live For Christ

- i. More than I could DARE you to eat some crazy food, more than I could DARE you to do some stupid & wild thing (like jumping out of an airplane), more than any DARE you have ever heard...
- ii. I DARE you to Live For Jesus! (For real!)

b. To Be A Disciple

- i. "Jerusalem's brightest scholars and esteemed chief priests had never seen anything like it. Here were



ordinary, uneducated men who were extraordinarily insightful and articulate, yet without either degree or pedigree. They were not learned rabbis or teachers of the law, yet their wisdom, sacrificial devotion, and Spirit-transformed character was remarkable. Who were these guys? There were disciples of Jesus – and everyone noticed.” (Daily Bible Devo, Nov 21st)

1. Stop trying to be a “Christian”; let’s start trying to be a “disciple”! I dare you!

“A man was looking for a job and he noticed that there was an opening at the local zoo. He inquired about the job and discovered that the zoo had a very unusual position that they wanted to fill. Apparently their gorilla had died, and until they could get a new one, they needed someone to dress up in a gorilla suit and act like a gorilla for a few days. He was to just sit, eat and sleep. His identity would be kept a secret, of course. Thanks to a very fine gorilla suit, no one would be the wiser.

The zoo offered good pay for this job, so the man decided to do it. He tried on the suit and sure enough, he looked just like a gorilla. They led him to the cage; he took a position at the back of the cage and pretended to sleep. But after a while, he got tired of sitting, so he walked around a little bit, jumped up and down and tried a few gorilla noises. The people who were watching him seemed to really like that. When he would move or jump around, they would clap and cheer and throw him peanuts. And the man loved peanuts. So he jumped around some more and tried climbing a tree. That seemed to really get the crowd excited. They threw more peanuts. Playing to the crowd, he grabbed a vine and swung from one side of the cage to the other. The people loved it and threw more peanuts. Wow, this is great, he thought. He swung higher and the crowd grew bigger. He continued to swing on the vine, getting higher and higher—and then all of a sudden, the vine broke! He swung up and out of the cage, landing in the lion’s cage that was next door.

He panicked. There was a huge lion not twenty feet away, and it looked very hungry. So the man in the gorilla suit started jumping up and down, screaming and yelling, “Help, help! Get me out of here! I’m not really a gorilla! I’m a man in a gorilla suit! Heeellp!”

The lion quickly pounced on the man, held him down and said, “Will you SHUT UP! You’re going to get both of us fired!”

Sooner or later we all get found out. Sooner or later we all blow our cover. It is only a matter of time before who we are and what we really are becomes obvious to everyone...” (**Hot Illustrations 1.0, The New Gorilla**)

c. To Be The Church

- i. What this church is all about...

Video = “This Is Church” (Igniter Media, Vol. 11, 1:23)

- ii. Now go, & be the audacious church...! I dare you!!

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Tupos Student Ministries Small Group Life Application Sheet



Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2012

Lesson Theme: Boldness / Courage

Lesson Objective: Audacious will be our theme for all of 2012, and this week we start out with a message centered around our theme verse!

Our hope is to challenge our students to live for Christ like never before... I triple dog dare you to! ☺

Lesson Text: **1 Corinthians 16:13** = “Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.” (NIV)

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you define the word “audacious”?
2. If you could change one thing about the way you live this new year, what would it be? So, will you change?
3. What could you do (even tonight) to start living like a “disciple” for Christ, and not just trying to be a “Christian”?

Prayer Time: Ask the Lord to make you “audacious” for Him this year!!



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I. I Dog _____ You

a. Be _____

- Audacious = _____

b. Be On _____

- G = _____
- U = _____
- A = _____
- R = _____
- D = _____



c. Be _____ In The _____

d. Be _____

- Deuteronomy 31:6

e. Be _____

- Galatians 2:20
- Crucify _____ or Crucify _____



II. I _____ Dare You

b. Know You Are _____

- 1 Peter 2:9

c. _____ Like His _____

III. I _____ Dog _____ You

a. To _____ For _____

b. To Be A _____

c. To Be The _____

Now go, and be the AUDACIOUS church! I dare you!

