SPEAK BOLDLY

(Note: Because of being hospitalized three days last week I did not get to do my Moments, for which I apologize. I am fine, just another little “bump in the road.” ES)

In closing remarks in the letter to Ephesus, the apostle Paul asked for their prayers, “with all prayer and supplication praying at all seasons in the Spirit… and on my behalf, that utterance may be given unto me in opening my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.” (Eph 6:18-20)

We need more bold speech in our pulpits today. The reason Paul asked for those prayers was that his life was in jeopardy every time he preached the gospel. We face no such threat in our country. Yet we need preachers to speak boldly on things that will cause us to lose our souls.

In past years if you attended a gospel meeting you were likely hear the preacher speak about sin and judgment and righteous living and the consequences of not responding. Today, if you hear anything, it is usually addressed to the church, even if there is something called a “gospel meeting.”

It isn’t easy to “speak boldly” in our culture, with people clamoring for “feel good” talks. I suppose there was never a time when people really wanted to be told they would be lost, however most recognized bold preachers were doing what they should.

Pray for bold preachers, for it is only through such preaching that people will repent and obey the gospel that will save their souls.