

# Emboldened by God

1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-2

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- ▶ BOTH OF THESE CONCEPTS ARE PRESENTED AS TRUTH THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE

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- ▶ **GOSPEL and WORDS and \_\_\_\_\_ LOVE! \_\_\_\_\_**
- ▶ We join in God's work of election by sharing the gospel through our words and through our love.

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- ▶ fear
- ▶ rejection – but God has accepted me and that's more important.
- ▶ effort - isn't the eternal life of someone worth a lot of effort?
- ▶ sacrifice – I'll never have to make the sacrifice that Jesus made
- ▶ suffering – but it's temporary and they are facing eternal suffering
- ▶ inadequacy - but God is the One at work in me

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Classic  
**PEANUTS**  
featuring  
"Good ol'  
Charlie Brown"  
by SCHULZ

SHE MUST BE KIDDING!

CHARLIE BROWN...

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

CHARLIE BROWN, I'LL HOLD THE FOOTBALL, AND YOU COME RUNNING UP AND KICK IT..

"HOW LONG, O LORD?"

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YOU'RE QUOTING FROM THE SIXTH CHAPTER OF ISAIAH, AREN'T YOU, CHARLIE BROWN?

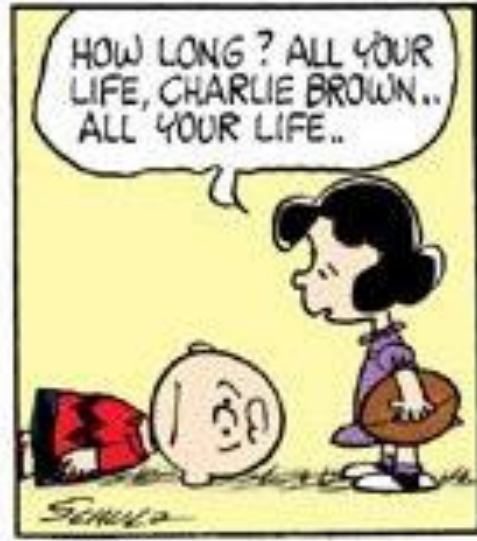
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He is  
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indeed!

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- ▶ Bold - acting with an attitude of openness that comes from freedom and lack of fear
- ▶ bearing oneself boldly or confidently,  
having courage, daring to do something

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- ▶ <sup>NIV</sup> **1 Thessalonians 2:8** We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.



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- ▶ **Ephesians 6:10-18** <sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; <sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints --

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