



NEVER BEING AFRAID OF PROMOTING JESUS

Paul encourages his beloved Timothy to always be bold in testifying about Jesus, but along with the encouragement also provides Timothy with the source of that boldness. It's a source that when embraced will embolden us.



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- **God will absolutely embrace him at Christ's glorious return**



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