



# “X” A New Season of Anointing: The Anointing of Boldness

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**Speaker:** Pastor Nina Schmidgall

**Scripture:** Acts 17:16-34, 1 Corinthians 1:22-24

**Sermon Overview:** In Athens, Paul found himself having to navigate the intersection of Gospel truth and a culture of idolatry. In response, Paul affirmed the deep longings of the people of Athens while resolutely pointing them to the only way these longings could be fulfilled. Paul’s task is our task. We must uncover our role as we find ourselves at the intersection of the Gospel and culture, while challenging our own idolatries.

## Sermon Series Question:

1. What idols is God calling you to confront?

## Sermon-Specific Questions:

1. Challenge idolatry: How do you identify the idols in your heart, life, community, and culture? Paul affirmed the longing of the culture, while pointing them to the only way to fulfill these longings. How can you challenge idolatry and point to the truth without condemning the hearts attached to it?
2. What is it in our city, communities that we worship in place of the Lord? Why?
3. Honor our position at the crossroads of the culture: What is the responsibility that we carry as the Imago Dei? What is the importance of showing honor to both God and the hearts around us?

## Digging Deeper:

1. Read Genesis 12:1. God sent Abraham out into a foreign land for His purposes. How else did God do this with Moses, Joseph, Elijah, Mary, and Paul? Pastor Nina said, “In the Bible,

God positioned his people at the crossroads, and the test of a generation was whether or not they would be faithful to testify about Him to culture.” How can you be faithful in your generation?

2. Spend some time reflecting on the things you are giving yourself to that may not be of God. This includes habits, schedules, activities, persons, and familial and cultural expectations. Ask the Lord to show you where He would like you to say, “Yes,” and where He would like you to say, “No.” Especially ask God to reveal those things that are so “normal” that you don’t even realize they are not of God. What’s the next step you believe that God is asking you to take?
3. What is it that grieves you? How can you respond?

### **Practical Application:**

- House of Prayer gathers on Thursdays at 7:14PM; and Upper Zoom gathers on Wednesdays at 7:14AM.
- Join a group or a ministry team, or become a mission partner!
- Get in community by joining a small group.