

BOLDNESS

In the Lord

I Thessalonians 2:1-12

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- 1 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain,
- 2 but after we had already suffered and been mistreated in Philippi, as you know, we had the boldness in our God to speak to you the gospel of God amid much opposition.

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- 6 nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority.

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A person in a red shirt and helmet is rappelling down a large, textured rock face. The person is holding a red rope and is positioned in the upper left quadrant of the image. The background shows a vast, hazy landscape with a body of water and a distant horizon.

- 7 But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children.
- 8 Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.

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A person in a red shirt and climbing gear is seen from the side, ascending a large, light-colored rock face. A red rope is attached to their harness and extends upwards. The background shows a clear sky and a body of water in the distance.

- 9 For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.
- 10 You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers;

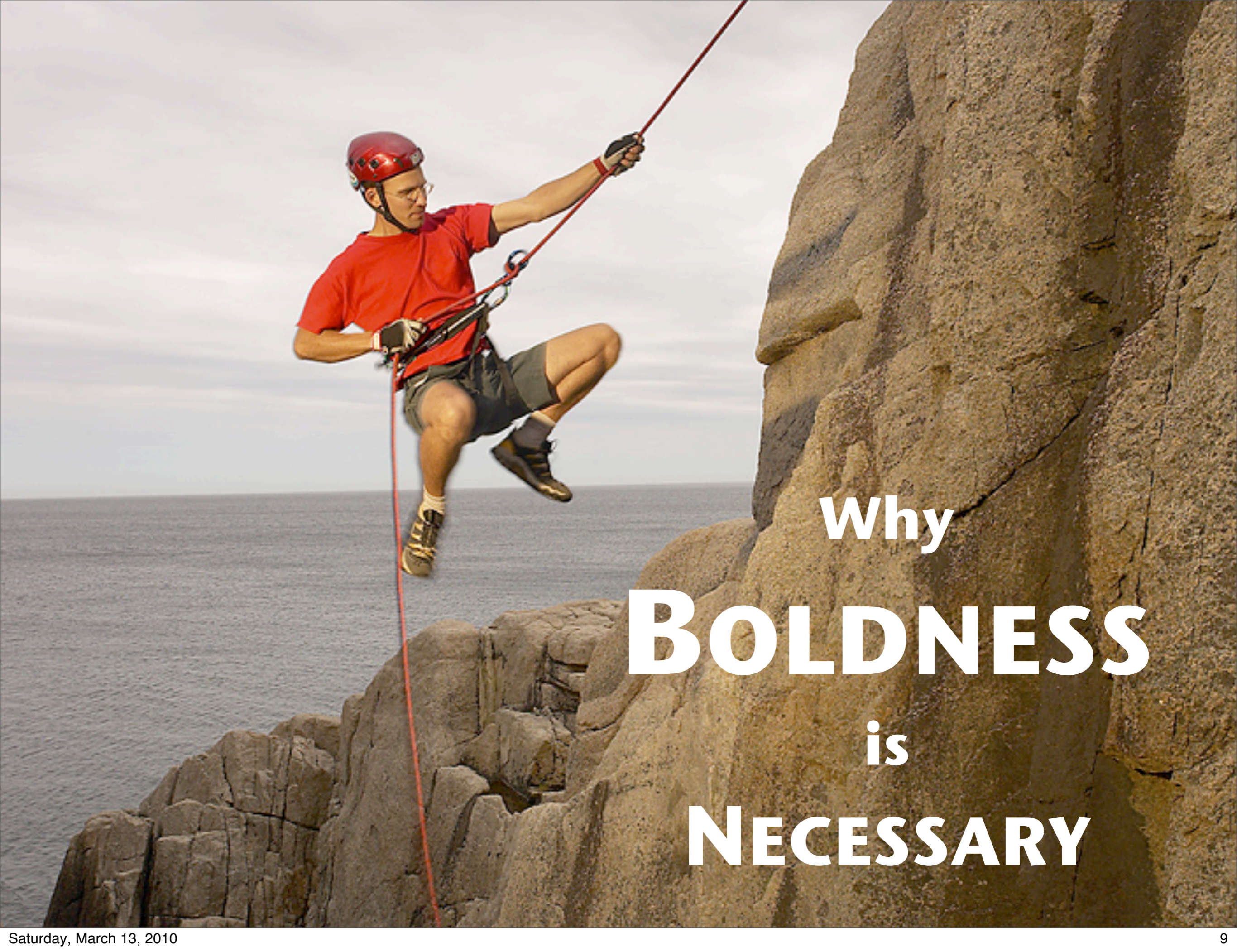
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- *2:1b - our coming to you was not in vain.*



HOW was Paul's labor *not in vain*?

- 2:2a - *suffered and mistreated in Philippi*
- 2:2c - *preached amid much opposition*
- 2:3 - *preaching did not come from error or impurity*
- 2:4a - Paul had been *entrusted with the gospel*
- 2:4b - Paul spoke *not to please men, but God.*



HOW was Paul's labor *not in vain*?

- 2:5 - Paul *never came with flattering speech...or with a pretext for greed*
- 2:7 - Paul *proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children*
- 2:9 - Paul *worked night and day so as not to be a burden*
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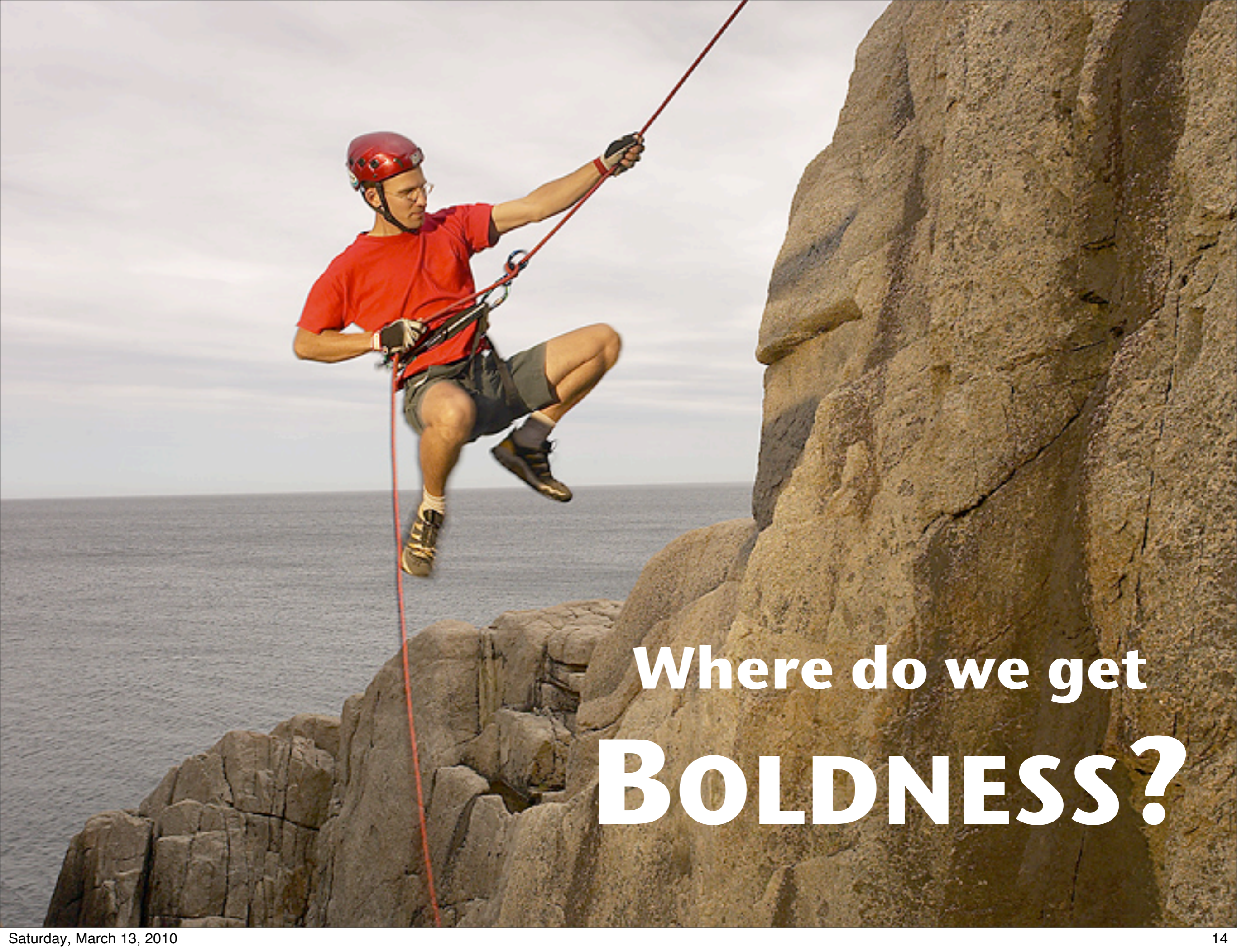
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Where do we get
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- Romans 15:13 - Paul **HOPED** in God



ROMANS 8:16-18

Paul lived with this in mind

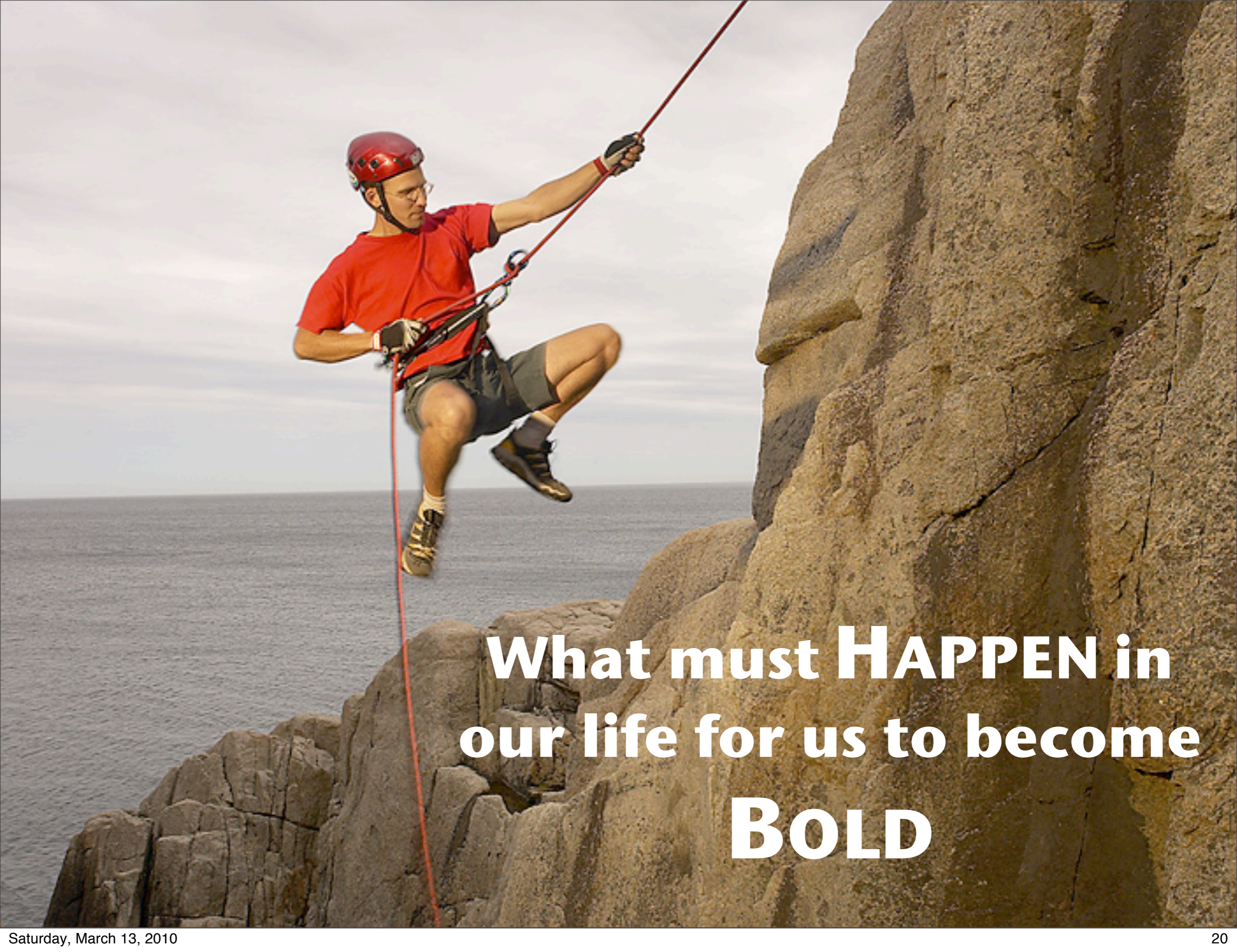
- 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,
- 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.
- 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.



GOD was Real to **PAUL**

ROMANS 8:37-39

- 37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.
- 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
- 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



**What must HAPPEN in
our life for us to become
BOLD**



Two things hold us back



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- Love of human acceptance and praise



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- Love of human acceptance and praise
- Love of material possessions and the comforts of life



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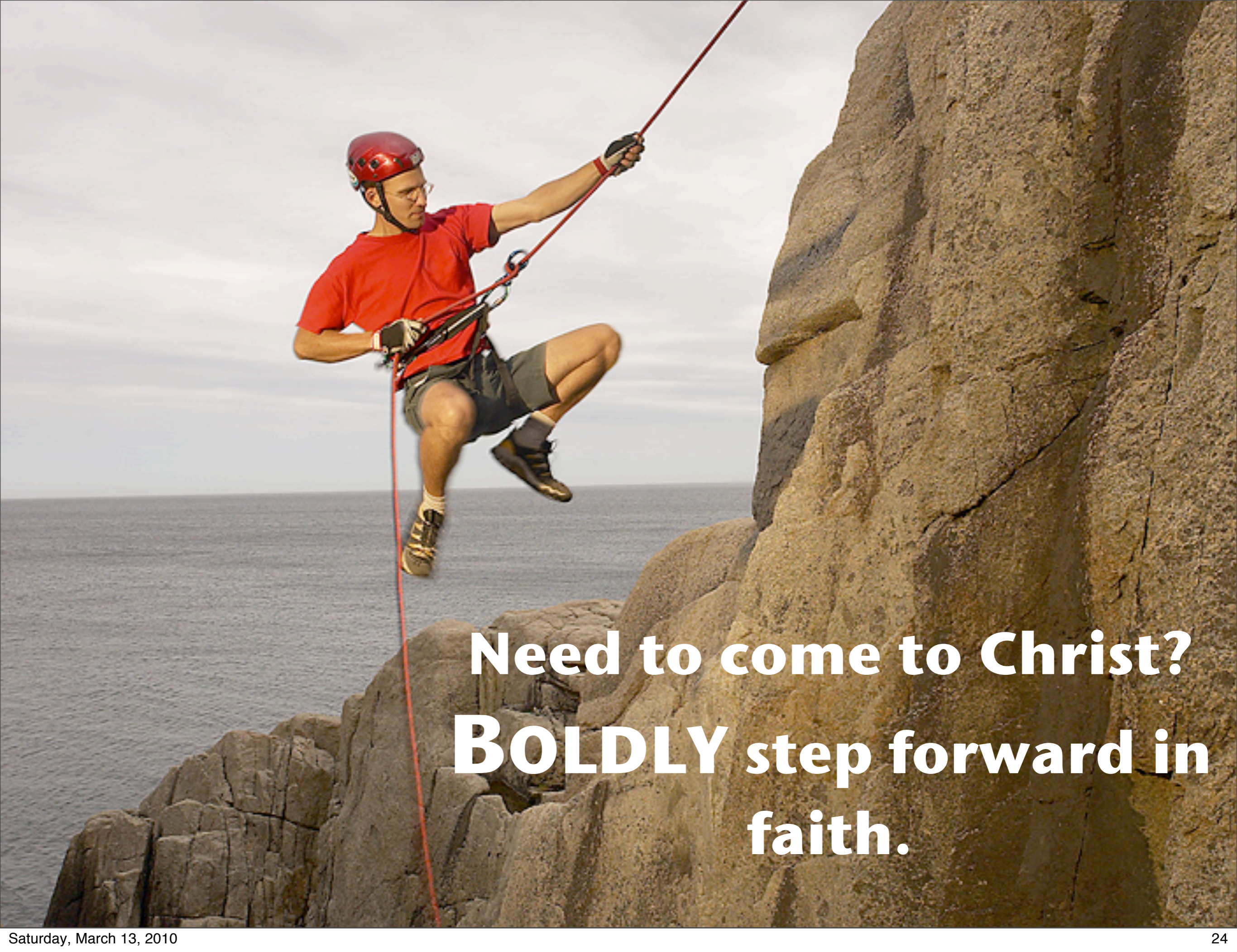
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**Need to come to Christ?
BOLDLY step forward in
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