

Courageous Living

Finding the Source

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Joshua 1:9 "This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." (NLT=New Living Translation)

1. Courage Is Knowing _____

"For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go

Exodus 33:15-16 "Then Moses said, "If you don't personally go with us, don't make us leave this place. ¹⁶"How will anyone know that you look favorably on me—on me and on your people—if you don't go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth." (NLT)

Matthew 28:20 "And be sure of this: I am with you always..." (NLT)

- Practice the presence of God daily
- _____ the presence of God when you experience fear
- Act out of the presence of God

2. Courage Is Knowing _____ is Enough for Me

II Kings 6:15-17 "When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. "Oh, sir, what will we do now?" the young man cried to Elisha.¹⁶ "Don't be afraid!" Elisha told him. "For there are more on our side than on theirs!"

¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes and let him see!" The LORD opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire." (NLT)

- Daily remind yourself of God's Sovereignty
- Know _____ in God's word regarding His power

Ephesians 1:19-20 "I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power ²⁰that raised Christ from the dead..." (NLT)

- Ask God to help you see life through the lens of His presence and power

3. Courage Is Trusting _____ for Me

Romans 8:28 "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." (NLT)

James 1:2-4 "Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. ³For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing." (NLT)

- Stop associating difficulty with something being wrong
- Stop associating difficulty with being out of _____
- Claim God's purpose over every circumstance

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Discussion Questions:

1. Share things in your life that you did where courage was required. Just a reminder to be gracious with everyone's stories. Our experiences are all different. What may have created great fear in you may not in someone else?
2. How does the presence of God with us make a difference in our courage? Can you give some examples from your own life? How can we grow in the awareness of God being with us?
3. How does knowing God's power is available for us make a difference in our courage? Do you have some experiences from your own life where God has empowered you in the face of fear? How can we grow in this awareness?
4. How does knowing that God is in control and has purposes for me make a difference in our courage? How have you drawn courage from purpose when you go through hard times? How does Romans 8:28 help? How can you grow in this?
5. Where is there a situation or circumstances in your life right now where courage is required?