

EMPHASIS: REST

TOPIC: **BRAVERY IN CHAOS**

Main Emphasis Idea:

What does it mean to be brave and courageous both biblically and in the world we live in today.

1 Corinthians 16:13

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Questions That Need Answers:

1. What does Bravery mean today?
 2. How do we live courageous?
 3. How do we live from charge, not shame
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Intro

So I want us to look at two aspects of biblical courage for you men here in the room and what it means to be a brave and courageous man in today's world. Because here is the truth, mostly all of us, by the grace of God will not have to go fight a war, we may never get a chance to pull someone out of a burning vehicle, but we can still be courageous, we can choose courage and bravery, and sometimes, I think tonight we will see maybe we don't...

1. Courageous Men Believe and Trust God

The greatest challenge that you will find when it comes to your belief, is simply your discomfort. What I have begun to notice in my thinking and in my heart, is I have the trajectory that I have built for my family, what I want to give them, what I want them to experience, places I want them to see, and things I want to bless them with. But like most men I am caught in the same paradigm we almost all face.

"How do I work harder, earn more, but spend more time with them, and give them everything I want to give them."

It feels like a lose/lose because, we realize in most ways we can't do both. What begins to set in is the greatest enemy that men will often face, the desire to take over the reins of our own destinies. We begin to figure out ways to breakthrough the process to get to the end result now. What that often means for most of us, is we determine that no one will make this happen but me.

What do we do?

Courageous men believe in The Lord, they understand that if living a life of apprenticeship and dedication to Jesus is happening, suffering may come, life will toss hard things, but trusting in The Lord to be The Lord is the only way we can remain in peace and correct direction.

“Courage [is] to believe that God will hear and help; that we are waiting on a God who never could disappoint His people.” - Andrew Murray

Trust is not laziness

Now trust is not laziness, it is not doing nothing, but trust, is doing what is in your power and leaving the rest to The Lord, its not easy, and panic and fear, I think we believe is a form of caring more somehow, it makes us feel like we are doing more, but what it actually does, is it leads to a man who is anxious, uneasy, and most likely angry, which trickles down into a household that is anxious, uneasy, and resentful.

Now belief and trust is not only for our future and for the future of our families, but courageous men who believe and trust in God, also, believe and trust in Gods finished work for themselves and their own personal identity.

Trust is also for you

One of the greatest things that I see people struggling with in today world, especially mean, is the ability to believe that Jesus has actually done for them what he says he has done.

“Do you realize that it is only in the gospel of Jesus Christ that you get the verdict before the performance?”

— Tim Keller

What the next generation of believers really need is a set of fathers who believe that they are who God is making them into, that they are allowed through discipleship and apprenticeship to Jesus, to be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus does.

What is success?

We can't miss that the goal of our lives is to be with Jesus, be like Jesus, and do what Jesus did. The power of The Holy Spirit plays into that, but its not the exclusive way in which we encounter God.

2. Biblical Courage looks like doing what is Godly, in a culture that celebrates what is secular.

“A religion which costs nothing is worth nothing.”
—J. C. Ryle

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This is the scripture that was read earlier tonight, and this is Paul's message to the men of Corinth... But is Paul meaning? Because its not just standing firm, its actually standing firm in our faith...

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What will be the outcome of the young man who doesn't see his father in the scriptures, who doesn't have a prayer life... or worse

Who are leading by example... wether you like it or not.

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You tell me what will be the outcome of family, who constantly sees his father chose what is secular over what is godly.

True Bravery and True Courage

Bravery and courage in today's world for Godly men has become somewhat easy... honestly, yet we can't seem to do it. It looks like even when it hurts, choosing God over things. I know now more than ever the pain of telling your children no, of siding differently than your spouse on a way to spend your time or your money, but I have seen way way way worse pain in the lives of parents and in marriages who have been claimed to be followers of Jesus, while constantly choosing what makes them feel happy, attractive, important, valued, successful, over their discipleship to Christ.

Courage right now for the man of God, is the ability in the world of endless choices, to consistently and daily chose God.

Rule of Life Practice #3

Weekly Sabbath

SPIRITUAL:

The practice of Weekly Sabbath is an invitation to spend one day every week in rest, pleasure, delight, and worship. It is a gift and an opportunity to take the day off from work and worry, to enjoy time with family, friends, and Jesus.

PRACTICAL

Choose one day every week that practically works for your family to cease from work and the busyness of life, to fill your day with the things that bring pleasure and rest to your soul, while centering yourselves around Jesus.
