

# Courage in the Lord

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## Big Idea: Take courage, the Lord is in control

### I. He strengthens us to fulfill our ministry (vv. 22:30-23:11)

1. With boldness (vv. 1-10)

**Leviticus 19:15** | You shall do no injustice in court.

**1 Corinthians 1:18** | For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

2. With His presence (v. 11a)

**Matthew 28:19–20** | 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

3. With His call (v. 11b)

### II. He frustrates the plans of the enemy (vv. 12-22)

**Psalm 33:10–11** | 10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. 11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

**John 16:33** | I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

**Revelation 1:17-18** | 17 “Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

**Psalm 23:4** | Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

### III. He uses worldly powers for His purposes (vv. 23-35)

**Genesis 50:20** | As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

### Benediction

**1 Peter 5:6-11** | 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.