



Bible study for the week starting August 6, 2023

SHARE

Are you courageous? Timid? What is the most courageous thing you've done? When have you had to be courageous in the face of fear? Do you have courageous faith?

Are you a fan of any sports teams? Are you a fanatic? What's the difference? Now...what's the difference of a fan, a fanatic, and someone who is on the team?

As a disciple, you are on the team, and are called to courageous faith. What do you need to have a more courageous faith?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. **Read Joshua 1:5-9** How many times does God remind Joshua to "be strong and courageous?" Do you think that is important? Why can Joshua be strong? (verse 9).
2. *Have you ever been through something that God needed to repeat himself? What are the words you think God might need you to know and remember in this season or challenge of your life?*
3. **Read Matthew 14:22-33** Jesus doesn't just demand courage...he gives it...
 - a. "take heart." Let me encourage you... "let me put this in your heart." What is Jesus' encouragement?
 - b. Does your heart need encouragement? What needs to be put in your heart?
 - c. What does Peter wait for? (The command of Jesus.) Do you wait for the command of Jesus before you get out of the boat?
4. **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11**
 - a. Do you encourage more than you demolish? Build more than you destroy? Feel built up or feel more discouraged?
5. Respond to this quote: "I may never walk on water, but I can navigate the mud."

PRAY

Pray that we would have the ability to navigate the mud...to have courage and to be an encourager of others. And to always know that God is with us.



"Batter Up"

Matthew 14:22-33

August 6, 2023— Pastor Ben Schrank

From a fairweather “fan” to a FANATIC.

From a fanatic to an enduring FAITH.

“Be strong and COURAGEOUS. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is WITH you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9)

“Take HEART; it is I.” -Jesus

Encourage: “PLACE INTO YOUR HEART”

“Therefore encourage one another and BUILD each other up” (1 Thess. 5:11).

“Lord, if it is you, COMMAND ME to come to you on the water” (Mt. 14:28).

“I may never walk on water, but I can navigate the MUD.” -Jay

For next week, please read Ephesians 6:10-20.