

Courageous Part 2 of 3
Unashamed
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I. Introduction

- a. If we are going to be bold and walk in God's will, we will have to live a life where we are unashamed.
- b. We have a propensity to be ashamed because of sin.
 - i. Adam and Eve were unashamed until they sinned.
 1. After sin, they were no longer covered by God's glory and needed to cover themselves with leaves.
 2. Adam and Eve shifted from focusing on God to focusing on sin.
 - a. Their sin consciousness caused them to run away from God instead of towards Him.
- c. Instead of following our first instinct to run away from God when we sin, we should run towards him.
 - i. Don't allow shame to hinder us from God's help.

Genesis 2:25 NKJV

²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

How many of you all have done anything in your life that you have been ashamed of?

That is what happened to Adam and eve

They started off living for God
They started off living naked and unashamed
Then came sin

Genesis 3:6-8 NIV

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. ⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

II. Shame

- a. Shame is essentially a feeling of inadequacy.
- b. We no longer have to accept feelings of shame about anything because Jesus took all of our shame on the cross.
 - i. Jesus endured pain and humiliation so we would not have to endure the same thing.

- c. Because of what Jesus has done for us, we have no reason to be ashamed of the Gospel or our Christian lifestyles.
 - i. We don't have to be ashamed to pray in other tongues, tithe and give generously, openly love God, believe in His word, the promise heaven and salvation and protection from the enemy through the blood of Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-2 NIV

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Romans 1:16a NIV

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...

III. Living Unashamed

- a. We have not been called to conform and live like everyone else.
- b. We have been called to stand out from the crowd in order to lead people to the truth.
- c. Living unashamed means being bold, daring and fearless.
 - i. Unashamed people don't let their past or imperfection keep them from being used of God.
 - ii. Unashamed people know God uses us because He is good.
- d. Peter was once unashamed of Jesus. But after receiving salvation, He went on to share the Gospel to the masses.
 - i. Like Peter, God wants to remove your shame and give the kind of boldness where thousands can be lead to the lord.