



Gateway...
...the place we call **home**.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that has.”

–Margaret Meade

Courage.

The hour is here and the alarm is
sounding; summoning the rise of
healthy leadership, ministry and
influence that is nurtured in the secret
place.

Courage.

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Nurtured in the Secret Place

“Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. 3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.”

Isaiah 60:1-3

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“Each new generation stands on the success of the previous generation. Each generation reaches up, from the shoulder of successes of the previous generation and bends the arc of history towards more freedom, more justice and more opportunity.

Courage.

Vulnerability. Presence. Action.

Recognize our successes, even when small or incomplete, accumulate. They build and create a trajectory that's better."

President Barack Obama

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Acts 4:32–35 *vs.* Acts 7:54–8:1

“Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “**Son of Encouragement**”), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.”

Acts 4:36–37

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“Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.”

Hebrews 13:7

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“Son of Encouragement”

- a. Son – “Christ Formation”
- b. Encouragement – “Christ Demonstration”
- c. Of – “Position”

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What do we observe in Barnabas?

- a. Generosity – Acts 4:36–37
- b. Giftedness – Acts 4, 9, 11, 13–15
- c. Governance – Acts 14:23
- d. Guts – Acts 9:26–28

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Courage nurtured in the secret place
created a legacy; not written on scrolls,
but written on the souls of two men –
Paul and John Mark.

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So what do we do now?

- a. Pick up a devotional.
- b. Nurture courage in the secret place through abiding in worship & prayer.
- c. Be gutsy & demonstrate Christ in public by encouraging others.
- d. Get involved in a discipling relationship where you can grow in formation & demonstration.
- e. Be generous with time, love, words of praise & resources.

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