

COURAGE.
A New Normal.

“**Courage** is the most important of the virtues, because without **courage** you can't practice any other virtue consistently. You can practice any virtue erratically, but nothing consistently without **courage**.”

–Maya Angelou

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“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But **take heart**, because I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33

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“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have shalom. In the world you will have trouble, but **take heart!** I have overcome the world!”

John 16:33

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Courage is less about reacting to a pain or a fear, and more about responding to God and demonstrating the kingdom in the face of injustices, negative situations.

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The Invalid Sinner – Matt. 9:2

The Bleeding Woman – Matt. 9:22

Shamed and Fearful Professionals –

Matt. 14:27, Mark 6:50

Social Reject and Marginalized – Mark 10:49

Difficult Living – John 16:33

Imprisoned Purpose – Acts 23:11

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4 Expressions of Courage:

- a. Empowers us to get close to those who are suffering.
- b. Changes the narrative that sustains the problem we are trying to address.
- c. Personifies hopefulness.
- d. Does the uncomfortable things.

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Today's Goal:

- a. Acknowledge vulnerability.
- b. Look for Jesus.
- c. Receive and act upon His courage.

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So what do we do now?

- a. Pick up a devotional.
- b. Listen for the ringing bell,
summoning you to be courageous.
- c. What is the new thing you need to
do in your circumstances today?

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So what do we do now?

- d. Meditate, journal and rehearse the answer to, "What is possible because Christ is in me and in my situations?"
- e. 20 seconds of insane courage.

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