

Courage.

Vulnerability. Presence. Action.

“**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

“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!”

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“I’ve told you all this so that trusting me,  
you will be unshakable and assured,  
deeply at peace. In this godless world you  
will continue to experience difficulties. But  
**take heart!** I’ve conquered the world.”

John 16:33

“Dear, dear Corinthians, I can’t tell you how much I long for you to enter this wide-open, spacious life. We didn’t fence you in. The smallness you feel comes from within you. **Your lives aren’t small, but you’re living them in a small way.** I’m speaking as plainly as I can and with great affection. Open up your lives. Live openly and expansively!”

2 Corinthians 6:11-13

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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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# 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. Practice courage within your community.
- c. When feeling vulnerable or overwhelmed, choose courage.

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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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