



Gospel Of John Series – 115
WHEN COURAGE AND COWARDICE COLLIDE - Part 3
John 18:12-27

INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

*True courage is found in complete submission to the Father's will
rather than confidence in ourselves.*

I. THE PRISONER BOUND - 18:12-14

II. THE DISCIPLE FOLLOWING - 18:15-18

III. THE SAVIOR QUESTIONED - John 18:19-24

A. The Integrity of Christ's Testimony - vv. 19-21

B. The Courage of Christ's Witness - vv. 22-23

C. The Injustice of Christ's Trial - v. 24

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

IV. THE APOSTLE DENYING - John 18:25-27

A. The Progression of Compromise

Notice the progression throughout the evening:

- He **boasted** in his own strength.
- He **neglected** prayer in Gethsemane.
- He **acted** impulsively by drawing his sword.
- He **followed** at a distance.
- He **joined** the enemies of Christ.
- He **warmed** himself at their fire.
- He **denied** his Lord.

B. The Pressure Intensifies – v. 26

C. The Prediction Fulfilled – v. 27

D. The Restoration That Was Coming – John 21

THE GREAT CONTRAST

Jesus	Peter
Bound	Free
Questioned by rulers	Questioned by servants
Speaks truth	Speaks lies
Faithful	Fearful
Obedient	Compromised

CONCLUSION

1. Never underestimate your own weakness.
2. Never overestimate the strength of temptation.
3. Never doubt the faithfulness of Christ.
4. Never despair after failure.