



Gospel Of John Series – 116
WHEN COURAGE AND COWARDICE COLLIDE - Part 4
John 18:24–27

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

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.

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?

B. The Pressure Intensifies – v. 26

*"Then he began to invoke a **curse** on himself and to **swear**, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed." Matthew 26:74*

"curse" - *katanathematizō* - involved pronouncing death upon oneself at the hand of God if one were lying.

"to swear" - *omnumi* - less extreme pledge

*"Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 10:32*

C. The Prediction Fulfilled – v. 27

"Godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret." - 2 Corinthians 7:10

D. The Restoration That Was Coming – John 21

"If we are faithless, He remains faithful—for He cannot deny himself." - 2 Timothy 2:13

THE GREAT CONTRAST

JESUS

Bound

Questioned by rulers

Speaks truth

Faithful

Obedient

PETER

Free

Questioned by servants

Speaks lies

Fearful

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.