

COURAGE FOR MY CALLING

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I. INTRODUCTION TO A NEW SEASON

A. The Power of Pentecost

- 1. Pentecost introduced the gift of Spirit empowerment for Spirit-filled living.**

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- 2. The Holy Spirit provides us with the power to do all that God has called us to do.**

B. New Seasons Emerge From Fresh Encounters With The Holy Spirit

*Heavenly Father,
In this new season
May your Holy Spirit
Bring to me...
Courage for my calling!*

Acts 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people!

Acts 4:13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:23 On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

II. COURAGE FOR MY CALLING

A. Four Conduits For Courage

Acts 4:24 When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

1. In community, there is courage for my calling.

- Courage is found in knowing you are not alone.

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2. In prayer, there is courage for my calling.

Acts 4:29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

- Knowing your limits gives God both glory and opportunity.

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3. In God, there is courage for my calling.

Deuteronomy 31:7-8 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. 8 The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

- The God who goes before you is greater than the challenge that is in front of you.

Acts 4:29-30 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

4. In faith, there is courage for my calling.

- Fear defects our faith.
- Fighting distracts our faith.
- When you focus your faith, you find your courage.

Acts 4:31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

B. Conduits for Courage

1. **Community**
2. **Prayer**
3. **God**
4. **Faith**

C. Principles For Seasons of Courage

1. **It is easy to feel courageous when you are not the one facing the pressure.**
2. **Instead of just praying to be delivered from the pressure of this season, pray to be faithful to your calling in this season.**
3. **Different seasons have different pressure.**
 - The more pressure you are under the more Presence you require.

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

4. Courage For Your Season

- What Season Are You In?
- Holy Spirit, bring to me Courage for My Calling.