

Be Courageous

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*2 Timothy 4:1-5 NLT*

We Are Living in a Time of.,

Be courageous to preach the Word.

“I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: Preach the word of God.” 2 Timothy 4:1-2a NLT

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints, and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Be prepared to preach the Word any time.

“Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not.” 2 Timothy 4:2b NLT

Be patient as you correct, rebuke, and encourage people with good teaching.

“Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.”

2 Timothy 4:2c NLT

When confronted properly, our hope is repentance, leading them to the truth.

“And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.” 2 Timothy 2:24-26

If you don’t correct, rebuke, and encourage, someone else’s voice will pull them away, and they will reject the truth.

“For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths.” 2 Timothy 4:3-4 NLT

Encouragements for being courageous.

“But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don’t be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.” 2 Timothy 4:5 NLT

Let’s Connect

- Share a courageous moment when you were a child or teenager. What happened, and how did it affect your life?

Let’s Talk About It

We’re so thankful to have the Bible as our anchor of truth in an ever-changing world of confusion and brokenness. God desires us to be courageous to preach the Word and confront others with the hopes of repentance and restoration.

Discussions Questions

1. Which part of the message made an impact, caught your attention, or challenged you?
2. Read Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What do you think about the Bible? Have you read the Bible for yourself, and experienced God speaking to your heart, challenged, or corrected how you felt or lived? Please share your experience.
3. Share a time when you noticed something and felt that you should confront the issue, but you didn’t. What was the outcome? Did this situation help strengthen your resolve to be courageous enough to encounter others with the hope of restoring them?
4. Was there a time that someone confronted you gently with the hope of restoring you to a relationship with God? Please share what happened and how it motivates you to engage people with gentleness and respect.

Take a Step

- Pray and ask God if there’s someone, He would like you to confront with the hopes of repentance and restoration. Consider writing down a course of action to encourage them, engage the issue, and encourage them with vision and hope. Then, schedule a call or meeting with them this week.

Here’s My Prayer

- Lord, thank you for your Word of Truth that anchors my soul. In a world with so much confusion, please help me prepare to preach your Word at any given moment to help people find the truth in Christ. Please provide me with boldness and courage by your Holy Spirit to allow me to confront people with the hopes of repentance and restoration. In Jesus’ name. Amen.